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IAF hits four more Syrian missile units

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

Israeli Air Force planes yesterday destroyed four Syrian SA-9 ground-to-air missile launch pads in Lebanon. It was the second consecutive day of attacks aimed at foiling Syrian attempts to develop an air defence system for its three divisions in Lebanon.

The IDF spokesman said the IAF planes destroyed the mobile launching pads in a morning attack near Dahr el-Baidar, some 10 kilometres east of Bahadoun. All planes returned safely to base.

A source at army headquarters told *The Jerusalem Post* that the launching pads were discovered on Wednesday. Each includes four missiles in a launching position and more in storage. All the missiles discovered were destroyed, he said.

The official IDF announcement repeated word for word the policy statement made on Wednesday in reporting the destruction of a mobile launching pad in the same area. "The State of Israel is adamant in its resolve not to allow the Syrians to introduce ground-to-air missile batteries into Lebanese territory."

A Syrian military spokesman said in Damascus yesterday that "three air defence vehicles were hit." But the IDF spokesman insisted there were four. According to the Syrian report the attack lasted more than an hour and the targets were hit from a high altitude. Presumably the IAF planes were out of range of the heat-seeking missiles, designed to combat low flying planes.

"We're not doing that out of fear. We know those missiles and their weaknesses. We've got a few," the source said, alluding to the SA-9 missiles and radar systems, which Israel found in PLO arms depots in Damascus.

In Damascus, a Syrian military spokesman said that "three air defence vehicles were hit."

Meanwhile, two soldiers were slightly injured in the eastern sector on Wednesday when their vehicle hit a mine. A military source said there were indications that the mine was laid by terrorists and not Syrian soldiers. The tracks led to Ein Ata, the IDF said.



A Swiss policeman holds a gun to the back of one of the Polish terrorists after his capture in Berne yesterday when police stormed the Polish Embassy building where hostages were being held. (UPI telephoto)

Swiss police free hostages in 'precision raid' on embassy

BERNE (UPI). — Behind a barrage of tear gas and stun grenades, anti-terrorist police stormed the Polish Embassy here yesterday, captured four gunmen and freed their five hostages unharmed, ending a three-day siege.

"All the hostages are freed and all the terrorists are captured. The action is a total success," said police spokeswoman Francisca Kuehmerly.

In Warsaw, Polish authorities yesterday expressed "deep satisfaction" and thanks to the Swiss government for the successful conclusion of the siege and said they would ask for the extradition of the arrested gunmen if they are Polish citizens.

The precision raid began, police said, "at 10.42 a.m. and 35 seconds." Twelve minutes later it was all over.

It was less than 24 hours before the gunmen threatened to blow the elegant 19th-century embassy building "to the skies" with themselves and their hostages inside.

The gunmen's leader was identified as 42-year-old Pole Florian Kruszyk. "He is a fanatic driven by political desires," Justice Minister Kurt Furgler said.

He said Kruszyk, who called himself "Col. Wysocki" after a popular resistance hero, had a record of armed robbery and hostage taking. He served nine years in an Austrian jail for an armed raid on a Vienna jewelry store in 1969 during which he held a family of three hostage.

The decision to storm the embassy was made at an emergency cabinet meeting on Wednesday night when the 10-man negotiating team under Zurgier's direction began to fear for the hostages' lives as this morning's deadline ticked nearer and tension mounted.

The gunmen had demanded an end to Polish martial law and safe passage out of the country for themselves. Furgler disclosed (Continued on Page 17)

Haddad's men move artillery closer to the eastern front

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULA. — Soldiers of South Lebanese militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad advanced several artillery units to the eastern front yesterday. They set up several new positions near Lake Karoun in the region taken by Israel last June and near positions now held by soldiers of the Lebanese forces who are loyal to President-elect Bashir Jemayel.

Haddad sources said they plan to continue to strengthen their hold on the area of South Lebanon up to 40 kilometres from the Israeli border. The moves were apparently coordinated with the IDF, taking into account the possibility that Israel will leave a "security belt" in Haddad's hands when it withdraws from Lebanon.

The wounding of two Israeli soldiers yesterday by a vehicle mine on the eastern front serves as a reminder that the area is still volatile.

Following the Israel Air Force's destruction this week of anti-aircraft missiles brought from Syria to eastern Lebanon, the IDF is alert to the possibility that Damascus may try to respond in some way. Syrian moves in the Bekaa Valley are therefore being carefully watched.

Over the last few days, armed men have tried to enter UNIFIL-controlled areas at several points. There were even exchanges of fire between them and Dutch, Fijian and Senegalese UNIFIL troops.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel yesterday denied his troops have been involved in any clashes.

Begin hits U.S. 'interference' in Israel's internal affairs

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in an interview published yesterday, accused American officials and journalists of interfering in the internal affairs of Israel — through leaks to the press, statements by various officials or aiding rival political parties.

Appearing in the IDF weekly *Gamla* magazine, the interview also quoted Begin as saying that Israel's strategic support of the U.S. and contribution to the national security is greater than America's contribution to Israel's security.

Noting comments by the *Washington Post* and by *New York Times* columnist Anthony Lewis that the success of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace plan requires his downfall, Begin stated: "Our American friends must remember that Israel is not Chile, and I am not Allende."

He said that if Israel were in due course to extend its sovereignty to Judea, Samaria and Gaza, it would also advocate full autonomy for the Arab inhabitants there.

The prime minister cited the danger of Soviet influence in any territory that would be turned over to Jordan. King Hussein would invite PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to set up a Palestinian state there, Begin warned.

He said he had not thought it proper to hold national elections this year, because a political party should not take advantage of military success to achieve gain. But this situation has changed, since the new American plan was accompanied by the Labour Alignment's claims that the people support it; therefore, the matter should be put to the test at the polls. He said he would not mind seeing elections held in two months, but that the fall holiday season and winter rains do (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

100,000 Jews in West Bank by 1986

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The natural rate of increase of the Palestinian population of the West Bank is lower than that of the Jews inside Israel proper, and the Jewish population of the West Bank is likely to be 100,000 by 1986. These are among the findings of a study by former Jerusalem deputy mayor Dr. Meron Benvenisti into the major changes brought about by the government's settlement drive and the 15-year Israeli presence in the territories.

(A detailed report of Benvenisti's findings appears on Page 7.)

U.S. Marines quitting Beirut

By DAVID FRANK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT. — The U.S. Marines are due to leave Beirut this morning, handing over to the Lebanese Army the port area of the city which they have controlled for the past few weeks.

Many of the 800 members of the American contingent of the multinational force have already left for the Sixth Fleet ships at anchor off the Lebanon coast. The last soldiers and their equipment are to board the vessels today, despite a request by Lebanese left-wing Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan that the U.S. troops remain until the Israel Defence Forces withdraw from Beirut and its suburbs.

Wazzan on Wednesday asked American Ambassador Robert Dillon to delay the marines' departure, but President-elect Bashir Jemayel said, "The multinational force has already fulfilled its mission."

The Lebanese Army is also due to take over a small area in the southwestern corner of the port, which has been under the control of the leftist Mourabitoun militia.

According to a withdrawal plan coordinated by the ambassadors of the U.S., Italy and France, the multinational force will leave over a seven-day period. The Italians are expected to depart on Sunday and the French troops by September 16.

In another takeover, the Lebanese Army yesterday morning took control of Burj al-Barajneh refugee camp, a former PLO bastion in southern Beirut.

Yesterday, the Lebanese soldiers erected roadblocks at many intersections in the area, but hardly interfered with the normal flow of traffic.

While Lebanese soldiers were seen throughout Burj al-Barajneh, members of the Shi'ite militia Amal and the Mourabitoun were nowhere to be seen.

In the early evening yesterday, a few shots were fired in the area and a Palestinian civilian was reported wounded and taken to hospital. The reason for the outbreak of firing was not known.

Tadiran denies arms deal with China

PEKING (Reuters). — Representatives of Tadiran, an Israeli armaments company, will visit Peking soon to display advanced electronic tank equipment to Chinese military officials, informed western sources said yesterday.

They said the visit will take place in the next five weeks. Tadiran produces sophisticated electronics, including night-sensing devices and tank range-finders.

China does not have diplomatic relations with Israel and does not officially permit trade. But small quantities of Israeli goods are exported to China through Hongkong.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, gave no further details of the Israeli mission. They said Chinese officials were likely to inspect the Tadiran equipment closely to find out as much as possible about Israeli technology.

There was no immediate official Chinese comment.

Tadiran flatly denied the report. Deputy managing director Yitzhak Ish-Horowitz said that Tadiran was not engaged in selling its products to China.

However, he said, a deal had been concluded to sell the U.S. some \$40m. of communications equipment.

Newsweek magazine reported in November 1980 that Israel was selling large amounts of arms to China and was about to conclude a deal with Peking worth \$2 billion. Both Israel and China denied the report.

Fez summit endorses Arab 'peace initiative'

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and agencies

The Arab moderates, spearheaded by Saudi Arabia, appear to have scored a significant victory at the summit which ended in Fez yesterday, with unanimous endorsement reported for a new Arab peace initiative.

Although no official communiqué was issued from the Moroccan city by last night, leaks from conference sources yesterday confirmed earlier reports that a united Arab initiative had emerged, based largely on Saudi Arabia's eight-point Fahd plan, but including certain new elements to placate Syria, the PLO and other hardliners who rejected the Saudi plan in Fez last November.

It appears that the controversial seventh point in the Fahd plan, calling for the implicit recognition of Israel, has now been either dropped or amended to satisfy the objections of the radicals.

The PLO apparently has also been accorded a central role in the peace process, as well as in the independent Palestinian state the Arab plan envisages in the West Bank and Gaza.

The summit reportedly confirmed the organization's status as "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians."

Some sources are also quoted as saying that the plan goes some way to meeting the radicals' demand that the Soviet Union, as well as the U.S., have a role in any settlement.

As for U.S. President Ronald Reagan's latest peace proposals — which were perhaps deliberately floated on the eve of the summit and reportedly dominated the discussions in Fez — the conference apparently decided neither to reject nor endorse them.

Some sources spoke of an Arab delegation, possibly to include PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, being sent to Washington to discuss the plan.

One source is quoted as saying that it was decided to "profit from the positive aspects of all the various peace formulas put forward in recent weeks."

Although the final outcome of the summit will probably not be known before Moroccan King Hassan's formal press conference, reportedly scheduled for this morning, this brand of pragmatism certainly appears to have won the day at Fez.

The fact that Syrian President Hafez Assad — whose failure to even attend last November's summit was the immediate cause of its breakdown — was present from beginning to end was clearly a victory both for the host, King Hassan, and for Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, who appears now to have won near general support for his notion of an "Arab peace offensive" against Israel.

On other issues, the summit appears to have been somewhat less successful, and most of the deep-seated bilateral differences in the Arab world were apparently not resolved.

A Sudanese resolution calling for Arab reconciliation with Egypt was reportedly rejected early in the summit. Likewise, a Saudi attempt to reconcile Syria's Assad with Jordan's King Hussein and Iraq's Saddam Hussein made little headway.

Contrary to earlier reports, which suggested that Syria was amenable to Lebanon's demand that it remove its troops from the Bekaa Valley and northern Lebanon, reports yesterday suggested that Damascus (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Secretary outlines U.S. Mideast policy Shultz: All eyes on Palestinian issue

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday said it was vital that Palestinian issues be addressed "forcefully and directly" and that talks be broadened to include Jordan and Palestinian representatives as well as Israel and Egypt.

Shultz's summary of a just-completed review of administration Middle East policy came in a statement to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee. His remarks were similar to President Ronald Reagan's peace plan announced last week that set off angry reactions from the Israeli government.

In his opening statement to the panel, Shultz outlined points that appear in direct contradiction to the policies of Prime Minister Begin's government. But he said one of the pillars of U.S. policy in the Middle East remains a commitment to Israeli security.

Shultz said the U.S. continues to believe that UN Security Council Resolution 242, which calls for Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories and Arab recognition of Israel's right to live in peace, remains important.

Specifically, Shultz said, "We believe these principles apply on all fronts." The statement means that the U.S. does not recognize Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights or East Jerusalem, and would oppose annexation of the West Bank and Gaza.

He said Reagan believes "the Palestinian problem cannot be resolved through Israeli sovereignty or control over the West Bank and Gaza," but, Shultz added, "we will also not support the formation of a Palestinian state."

The U.S. proposal is for a Palestinian entity "in association with Jordan."

Of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories, Shultz said the U.S. would back the settlers' right to live in the West Bank and Gaza "under the duly constituted governmental authority there, as Arabs live in Israel."

While opposing the dismantling of present settlements, he said, the U.S. opposes their further expansion because of their "effect on the peace process."

Shultz also backed the right of Arabs in East Jerusalem to take part in the election of the West Bank-Gaza self-governing authority. He said the U.S. does not recognize "unilateral acts with respect to the final status" of Jerusalem, an apparent rejection of the extension of (Continued on Page 17)

Jerusalem Ceremonial Ship

DURING the Spanish Inquisition, many Jews avoided being burnt at the stake by professing apostasy, while secretly observing their religious customs. They were called Marranos. They used to hide all their Jewish ceremonial articles. This habit of secrecy inspired the artist Silverman Duda Sved to make one of the most fascinating items of Jewish ceremonial art, a ceremonial ring, a ceremonial box and the hull can be opened to display a hidden set of Jewish plates and Sabbath candles.

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Location	Temp	Wind	Clouds
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Nazareth	28	18-28	28
Afula	28	18-28	28
Sharon	28	18-28	28
Tel Aviv	28	18-28	28
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Jericho	34	20-36	36
Gaza	29	23-28	29
Beerseba	32	17-21	32
Eilat	32	15-25	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The French Ambassador and Mrs. Marc Bonnet yesterday held a farewell reception at their Jaffa residence to mark the end of their four and a half year tour of duty in Israel.

Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche yesterday gave a farewell luncheon in Jerusalem for the outgoing Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Stanford.

Former justice minister Haim Zadok was appointed earlier this week as the new chairman of the executive committee of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He succeeds Abraham Agmon, director of the Delek fuel company, who has just completed six years in the post.

Birth

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ARRIVALS

Sam Rothberg, general chairman, and Julian Venezky, national co-chairman for community leadership, State of Israel Bonds, for meetings with government officials on Israeli Bond business, and for meetings of the Hebrew University Board of Governors Executive Committee.

BEGIN HITS
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not make this feasible. (Elections story — above).

The interview quoted Begin as saying that information gained by Israel in the Lebanon war about Soviet-made T-72 tanks and Mig-25 jet fighters is unknown to the U.S. Israel has also discovered a means for destroying advanced ground-to-air missiles, a capability beyond that of the U.S. and NATO, he said.

The information will one day be shared with the U.S., the prime minister said, and this will represent a great contribution to America.

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The Division's Bureau in Tel Aviv-Yafo will also be closed during this period.

Knesset elections seen in June or Nov. '83

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Elections next year seem inevitable, but it was still unclear last night whether they will be in June or in November. The key, as usual, remains with the pivotal National Religious Party, which for internal reasons prefers to have them as late as possible, most likely together with municipal elections in November.

But the NRP threw a new notion into the arena yesterday when party secretary Danny Verma, a lieutenant of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, called for a national referendum on the fate of Judea, Samaria and Gaza to avoid parliamentary elections before 1985.

The parties have been in an uproar since Premier Menachem Begin dropped an election bombshell at Wednesday's Knesset session. His media adviser, Uri Porat, yesterday stressed that the premier has been discussing the issue with colleagues for some time. It is also understood that Begin yesterday told confidants he would prefer June elections.

A major reason for the surprise move was Begin's intention to serve notice on Washington that he intends to remain unmoved in the face of U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace initiative. Likud sources also speak of a suspicion that the Americans thought they would unseat Begin with their plan. This indicated how wrong their reading of Israel's political map is, the sources averred, explaining that the Likud will go to the nation to gain a majority for its allegiance to greater Israel.

Labour's decision should be known on Sunday, when party chairman Shimon Peres will deliver the keynote address to a party central committee session. Party circles said Peres is inclined to agree to early elections, and is not amenable to NRP talk of a November date.

Peres's party rivals claim that he hopes thereby to reinforce his position at the helm. They also note that an early election date would close off options for President Yitzhak Navon, under pressure from Labour's Jerusalem branch to contest the leadership once his first term expires in April.

Verma's referendum idea was coolly received by both major parties. The Likud stated that it wants elections to produce what it hopes will be a substantial bloc of seats. Labour circles, on the other hand, are none too pessimistic about an early election. They believe they would benefit from the public's greater willingness to compromise for peace reflected in recent polls. Labour has also traditionally opposed referenda, holding that they are instruments of authoritarian regimes.

Cancellations hit El Al as Aguda leaders push boycott

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al sources confirmed yesterday that there is "noticeable evidence" of cancellations by Jewish passengers and groups, who had reserved seats on flights during the coming holiday season, in response to the boycott called by Agudat Yisrael.

Meanwhile, U.S. leaders of Agudat Yisrael, pitted against El Al workers on the Sabbath flights issue, reported a wave of cancellations by American Jews who had planned to come to Israel during the holidays. The party's MK Menachem Porush said that the 15 largest travel agents who work with El Al in the U.S. called a meeting with Agudat Yisrael leaders there, asking them to cancel some of the cancellations, which are causing the agents damage.

Porush added that he met with Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel on Wednesday and offered to cooperate with the Histadrut to prevent any dismissals or financial harm to El Al workers as a result of stopping the airline's flights on Saturdays and weekends. In this way, Porush said, he hopes to reach a compromise with the Histadrut and reduce its opposition to stopping the Sabbath flights.

El Al's management is making efforts to persuade the government to act against the Council of Torah Sages' boycott call, but so far, the efforts have failed to yield results.

Choice of Electric Corp. chief put off

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation's board of directors yesterday deferred the appointment of a new managing director. The decision is now expected at the end of this month.

The only name known to have been put forward for the job is that of 55-year-old Aluf (res.) Yitzhak Hofi, who was nominated by Energy Minister Yitzhak Berman.

A corporation spokesman said that Hofi was one of several candidates considered. He declined to name the other nominees, but it is understood they are probably people who already hold top posts in the corporation.

The works committee has made it clear that it wants the job to be filled by someone from within the company, and not an outsider brought in by the government.

Israel says Syria now holding 17 IDF men

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The seizure of eight soldiers near Bhamdoun last Saturday brought to 17 the number of IDF men known to be in enemy hands, the IDF spokesman said here yesterday.

The eight, abducted by the PLO, were reported to be alive and well, and one of them — Samal Reuven Cohen — was presented to reporters earlier this week. Israel has submitted their names to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Three others, captured by the Syrians, have been visited by Red Cross officials. They are a Phantom pilot, a driver of a water tanker who crossed the lines by mistake and a soldier captured on June 11. The spokesman added that Israel "knows for certain that five more soldiers, taken prisoner on June 11, were alive at the time of their capture."

The 17th soldier is a Phantom pilot, downed by an enemy ground-to-air missile, who was reportedly killed by Damascus.

Mekorot takeover of more West Bank water confirmed

By DAVID RICHARDSON
and YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Nine of the 25 water systems currently used by Arabs in the West Bank are being transferred to Mekorot, the Israel national water company, a spokesman for the Judea and Samaria civil administration confirmed yesterday.

According to the spokesman, three types of water systems exist in the area: the first serves the Jewish settlements and was built and is serviced by Mekorot; the second is a municipal and sometimes inter-municipal collection of 16 systems which is run by the local Arab authorities under the supervision of the staff officer in charge of water affairs in the civil administration; the third type includes nine systems run directly by the civil administration.

It is the last group which is being transferred to Mekorot "for reasons of economy and efficiency," the spokesman said, although he could not say how much money would be saved by the change.

Well-informed sources continued to insist yesterday that the Defence Ministry has been considering a plan which would see the transfer and management of all the water systems to Mekorot.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had heard about this plan for the first time yesterday over the radio. "No one here in Mekorot had heard about this plan before," he said.

He revealed that unconnected with these reports, Mekorot officials are today conducting a study tour of water sources in Judea and Samaria. "But this tour was planned over a month ago," he said. "This is not the first time we are conducting such tours. We have been there for the last 15 years, and nearly all the water projects in Judea, Samaria and Gaza have been built, operated and serviced by us."

In answer to a question, Yacobovitch said that if Mekorot was called to operate all the water projects in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, it would do it gladly. He was sure that this could bring about greater savings and economy of water sources.

Water Commissioner Zemach Yishai told *The Post* that the person who leaked the plan to the media "simply has mixed everything up."

He explained that for the last 15 years, the military government and the civil administration have been in charge of the water in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. He emphasized that during these years no water was taken away from Arab residents. In fact, they have more water today than they did during the time of the Jordanians.

'Ha'aretz' struck

TEL AVIV. — *Ha'aretz* was not expected to appear this morning because of a go-slow strike by its 65 printers.



Polish Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski, right, escorts Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi at Warsaw airport yesterday. (UPI/telephoto)

Tight security, secrecy as Gaddafi in Poland

WARSAW. — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi arrived in Warsaw yesterday for a visit that had only been announced the day before and whose length was kept a secret.

Security was very tight as military chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, President Henryk Jablonski and other top officials met Gaddafi at Warsaw's airport.

Diplomatic sources have said Libyan soldiers have been coming to Poland for military training, and there has been an upsurge in business links.

In a dinner speech in Prague on Wednesday night, Gaddafi was reported to have agreed with Czechoslovak President Gustav Husak that the "imperialist-Zionist attack on Lebanon exposed before the whole world the true expansionist face of Zionism."

"At the same time," Gaddafi said, according to the Czechoslovak state news agency CTK, "it shows the responsibility of the U.S. for the dangerous situation in that part of the world." (UPI, AP)

Rabin: U.S. has forfeited its role as 'honest broker'

PITTSBURGH (UPI). — President Ronald Reagan's new Middle East peace initiative has cost the U.S. its role as "honest broker" with Israel, former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was reported as saying here on Wednesday.

Rabin, now in the U.S. to tell reporters the Reagan initiative is not in keeping with the Camp David accords because it calls for settling Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip before the question of Palestinian autonomy is settled.

"What has to be negotiated now is the autonomy of the Palestinians and not to touch on any issues that touch on the permanent settlement," Rabin said.

The 1978 Camp David agreement calls for settling the autonomy issue during a five-year period following the signing of those agreements, Rabin pointed out.

Because Reagan's plan breaks with the Camp David process, he said, it has undermined the U.S. position as go-between in the ongoing effort to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"I don't think it's advisable for a mediator to forward its position as to what should happen after the (Palestinian) autonomy question is settled," said Rabin, who is also a former Israeli ambassador to the U.S.

"I don't believe anyone now can call the United States an honest broker," he said.

The major flaw in Reagan's plan, Rabin said, is that it does not specify whether Jordanian and Palestinian leaders should be admitted to the continuing Camp David process. He said he would "welcome" the Reagan plan if it brought "the Jordanian and moderate Palestinians into the Camp David peace process."

Rabin also said a freeze on new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip — called for in Reagan's plan — is not a necessary precondition for peace.

FEZ SUMMIT

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had shifted its ground somewhat, making its acceptance of Lebanon's demand contingent upon a simultaneous Israeli withdrawal of its troops from Lebanon.

Diplomatic reporter Asher Wallfish comments:

Israel's leaders and diplomats will have their hands full explaining why their own government acquired a rejectionist image over the Reagan plan, while the Arab summit in Fez did not throw out the Reagan plan and advocated diplomacy to solve the dispute with Israel.

The Arab summit had a tactical advantage, because Prime Minister Menachem Begin rejected U.S. President Ronald Reagan's new ideas before the president explained them publicly.

The gap between the Arab stand and the Reagan plan is still so wide as to be unbridgeable, but the important fact is that the Fez summit has shown up Israel as the obdurate partner.

The apparent purpose of the Fez summit was to isolate Israel in world opinion and exacerbate Israel's relations with the U.S. in particular.

While Reagan's policy is to re-endorse Jordan's claims to primacy on the West Bank at the expense of the PLO, the Arab leaders' re-endorsement of the PLO as "the sole representative of the Palestine Arabs" came at the expense of Jordan.

Israel's leaders, who decided last year to smash the PLO in Lebanon in order to smooth the way for West Bank Arab figures to take part in the autonomy talks, will now find it impossible to persuade the West to ignore the PLO as a political factor, as Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir suggested last week to European diplomats.

New bill will double aid to large families

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Monthly cash grants by the government to large families with four children or more will be more than doubled over the next few years under the proposed large families law soon to be discussed by the cabinet.

The law, initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, provides a monthly grant for each child in a large family equal to 10 per cent of the average wage. This grant will replace the child allowances now received by these families from the National Insurance Institute, but will more than double the cash grants to these families, according to the ministry spokesman.

The proposal also contains other benefits such as special housing loans and grants for children's educational expenses, and will cost about ISL 7 billion during its first year in effect. The ministry has proposed that the benefits be introduced gradually over several years, to reduce the strain on the government's depleted coffers.

To qualify for these benefits, a family member must have served in the IDF, the police, the prisons service or in national service — which means that most Arabs and a small segment of the ultra-orthodox (haredi) community will be excluded. The benefits will also be denied to families whose income exceeds the ceiling for Nif payments.

Under these criteria, a young man from the slums with four children, who was rejected as unfit for military service, could qualify if his father had served. Arabs who worked in the prisons service but did not serve in the IDF would also qualify.

The ministry spokesman said that one of the basic aims of the bill is to make up for the financial losses incurred by families or by future breadwinners due to the period of compulsory military service, and in general to aid large families who have contributed to the country's security.

Agudat Israel MK Menachem Porush said that he supports the bill in its present form, and claimed that less than one per cent of the men of the haredi community are exempt altogether from military service. Most haredi men, he said, have their military service deferred until about age 24 so that they can study at a yeshiva.

THE JERUSALEM POST POLL Liberals would shrink in election split from Herut

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Although the latest public opinion poll gives the Alignment only a third of the Likud vote, should Labour run separately from its Mapam partner and its own left-wing it would increase its electoral appeal to three-fifths that of the Likud.

A list featuring Mapam plus dovish MKs Yossi Sarid and Shulamit Aloni would not fare well, barely retaining Mapam's present share of the Alignment bloc.

Should Herut and the Liberals run separately, the latter would shrink from its present 40 per cent of the Likud Knesset faction to 10 per cent of Herut's electoral strength. In that case, however, Labour would only benefit marginally, should it run with Mapam and its left wing.

These are the projections of the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute during the latter part of August — after the war ended and before President Ronald Reagan announced his new plan for the Middle East. The survey encompassed a representative sample of 1,937 adults.

The following table is a prediction of election results in percentages should both of the main components of the two main party blocs run separately:

Party	Result if parties stay	If Herut and Liberals split	If Labour and Mapam split
Likud	44.2	18.4	39.2
Alignment	16.9	18.4	22.4
NRP	2.8	2.9	2.7
Aguda bloc	1.9	1.8	1.9
Tami	0.2	0.2	0.3
Telem	0.1	—	—
Aloni's CRM	0.4	0.5	—
Shinui	1.3	1.3	1.2
Tehiya	1.2	1.2	1.1
Others	1.2	0.9	0.5
Undecided	20.0	15.4	13.7
Won't vote	2.8	3.4	3.5
Won't say	7.0	8.3	9.3

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Bargains in Israeli produce selling well all over Beirut

By DAVID FRANK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEIRUT — During the past few days Beirut has been inundated with Israeli fruit and vegetables, which are being sold in shops in both the east and west sides of town.

Israeli produce has been sold before in Beirut, but not in the current large quantities. Jaffa grapefruit are being sold in their original crates, clearly marked in Hebrew. Israeli apples, oranges, melons, mangoes and zucchini are also being sold, apparently with great success.

A vendor attributed the popularity of Israeli produce to the weakness of the shekel, as well as to Israel's reputation for excellent agricultural produce. Israel, he said, could offer its wares at prices 30 per cent and more below those of Lebanese produce.

A housewife who purchased Israeli grapefruit in the west of the city said that the store owner had been a bit embarrassed to sell Israeli produce and pretended not to understand what she was talking about when she inquired if the fruit was of Israeli origin. He told her the

Hebrew-marked crates had been found in the street and did not come with the fruit.

Other merchants have no compunction about their trade in Israeli goods. "Business is business," one merchant said. "I buy Israeli apples for one Lebanese pound (157) a kilo, while Lebanese apples cost me two pounds and 50 piastres.

"I can sell the Israeli apples for LL2.50 instead of LL5.00. And the Israeli mangoes are much better than the ones we get from Egypt," he said.

Official dismisses Arab claims of bias

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — State grants to Arab local councils have been increased by the same proportion as those to Jewish ones, the Prime Minister's Adviser on Arab Affairs Benjamin Gur Arye said yesterday.

Commenting on complaints by chairmen of Arab local councils who convened yesterday in Mi'ilya, Gur Arye said the Interior Ministry last year increased the budgets of all Arab local councils by 16 per cent over the inflation rate, and grants for development projects are 166 per cent higher than last year.

The adviser praised the activities of several Arab local councils, such as Sha'ab, Majd al-Karum and Jatt,

the only one to confiscate private land for development projects, including a public park. He reported that the Energy Ministry recently allocated IS17m. for linking two Arab villages to the national grid and improving the electric supply to eight more villages.

Speaking on the shortage of classrooms in Arab villages, Gur Arye said that the Education Ministry last year spent 26 per cent of its budget for new buildings in Arab villages, though Arabs make up only 16 per cent of Israel's population.

But these figures did not impress the council chairman, who complained of financial difficulties and a lingering classroom shortage. The village leaders said they need tens of

millions of shekels to pay salaries, cover debts and carry out development projects.

They explained that almost all Arab villages lack school buildings to serve the growing number of pupils: a 3.7 per cent increase was registered last year, compared to 2.2 per cent for Jews.

The chairman plan to meet again on September 20 before taking drastic measures to back their demands. They have meanwhile asked for a meeting with Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky.

Moderates among the participants have rejected a proposal to go on strike, it was learned, on the grounds the time was not appropriate.

Pinky Shulman killer gets life term

Roni Zakai yesterday was sentenced to a mandatory life term in prison by the Jerusalem District Court, which convicted him of the 1980 murder of bar owner Pinky Shulman.

The killing occurred on June 24 of that year, after midnight, when Zakai and Shimon Vanuno, who testified as state witness in the trial, burst in at Shulman's Tavern, on Rehov Rivlin in Jerusalem, demanding the evening's receipts.

Shulman, whose son Daniel, a witness to the crime, said he might not have understood the request, rose from his chair and moved towards the robbers. Zakai then apparently thought he was going to attack him, and shot the bar owner in the chest, and then again. Shulman died a short time later.

It took police 10 months to solve the crime, but in April 1981, they arrested Vanuno, who shortly afterwards related the story and agreed to testify in exchange for immunity. The trial was further delayed when another witness, Yigal Barazani, disappeared for several months. Police feared he had been harmed by persons trying to prevent his testimony from being heard, but eventually, he told of hearing the robbers speak of the murder.

Zakai's lawyer tried to undermine Vanuno's testimony that Zakai had been the one to pull the trigger, but Judges Elazar Halevi, Yehuda Weiss and Moshe Hasson accepted the state witness' version. (11m)



Collecting arms in West Beirut left behind by the PLO, these Lebanese Army soldiers remove Grad missiles cached in a residential building. (Boris Belkin, IPPA)

Likud MK hits Canadian war reporting

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Canadian news reports on the war in Lebanon were the most distorted among shows produced in 22 countries, MK Ronnie Milo (Likud Herut) said yesterday.

Milo, a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, was speaking to a group of visiting Canadian members of parliament over lunch in the Knesset. Milo said that a school for retarded children in Lebanon was shown in the Canadian news reports in such a way that the viewer understood the children

were abnormal due to Israeli bombing attacks.

The group's chairman, Rev. Roland de Corneille, a Liberal, noted that there are 130 members of parliament in the Canadian-Israeli Parliamentary Friendship Group, even though it was established only last year.

The Canadian group, co-chaired by Senator Nathan Nurgitz, came as guests of the Knesset. They will tour Lebanon today and report back to their Liberal and Conservative party leaderships when they return home.

MK on European fence-mending mission

Post Knesset Correspondent

Labour MK Danny Rosolio leaves for Europe on Monday to try to salvage what is left of the Knesset's special relations with the Parliament of Europe after the damage done by European opponents of the Peace for Galilee operation.

The Parliament of Europe wrote the Knesset this week that the delegation which it had been due to send shortly to Jerusalem for meetings with a Knesset delegation would not come because of budget cuts.

It is understood in the Knesset, however, that the real reason for the cancellation is the widespread criticism of Israel's role in Lebanon among the 10 constituent members of the Parliament.

According to the agreement which the Knesset signed with the Parliament of Europe in 1977, meetings are held between delegations once a year in Jerusalem and Strasbourg alternately, and matters are discussed of joint interest to Israel and the European Community.

Tel Aviv weighs housing on Sde Dov site

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The building of a large number of apartments on the area now used for the Sde Dov airfield north of the Yarkon River would have the effect of lowering the price of flats in Tel Aviv, City Engineer Shmuel Penn said yesterday.

Underlining the seriousness with which the proposal is being considered, Penn said that Mayor Shlomo Lahat will travel to southern France next week to investigate the possibility of using seaplanes to link Tel Aviv and Eilat by air.

Addressing a meeting of the local Rotary Club on Tel Aviv's development plans, Penn said that the coastal stretch between Beit Gabor and Jaffa was also slated for new massive housing projects.

Turning to commercial development, Penn said that "the natural trend is from Shalom Tower towards the Diamond Exchange in Ramat Gan, and it has always been so in the area's history." It would therefore be a mistake, he added, to erect a commercial centre in place of the old Manshiya Quarter.

Penn said that Tel Aviv's population is declining and aging. The number dwindled to 330,000 last year, as compared to 440,000 in 1972, and only 20 per cent of the residents are under 18 years old, down from 30 per cent a decade ago. On the other hand, he added, "Tel Aviv is rapidly becoming an agglomeration of business offices, which occupy 1,300,000 square metres of area in town — a quarter of it illegally."

SHAKEN UP. — Hundreds of villagers in a mountain region of south central Italy spent the night in automobiles or in open fields early yesterday after a mild earthquake hit the region. Police reported no casualties or damage.

Continued anti-busing protest keeps TA pupils out of class

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — First-grade pupils from Neveh Barbour were not allowed to study at Beit Barbour yesterday, as they did on Tuesday, even though they were afraid to go to Hagallil School, to which they were assigned by the city.

Parents and children have been blocking the entrance to Hagallil since last week's beginning of the school year, to protest the transfer of Neveh Zahal's first graders to a school in Hatikva Quarter, and Neveh Barbour's first graders to Hagallil. Police have so far refused to interfere.

Yesterday morning, Neveh Barbour's children refused to get on the bus to Hagallil, and some of them burst into tears, for fear that Neveh Zahal's parents and children would attack them if they tried to enter the school.

On two previous occasions when Hagallil's entrance was blocked, the Neveh Zahal pupils were returned

on the same bus to Neveh Barbour, where two temporary classrooms were made for them in the Beit Barbour community centre.

City education administration director Shimon Shoshani, who came to escort Neveh Barbour's first-grade pupils, refused to let them study in Beit Barbour without first going to Hagallil. But the Neveh Barbour parents would not let them go, saying they feared psychological damage to their children from yet another confrontation with the angry Neveh Zahal parents.

Shoshani rode alone on the bus to Neveh Zahal, where some 40 pupils and a group of parents stood near the entrance. Police on the scene said that the parents were not blocking the entrance, and nobody stopped Shoshani from entering the school.

Police officials again announced that the force will not disperse children, nor order them to enter the school and study, as Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat has demanded.

Italian woman comes here for rare fetal test

HAIFA — Doctors from Rothschild University Hospital here have carried out a fetal heart examination on a 27-year-old pregnant woman from Milan, Italy, a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday.

The woman, whose previous child was born with a severe congenital heart defect, was referred to the hospital by Italian experts.

Rothschild is the only hospital in Israel — and one of the few in the world — where fetal echocardiography is carried out.

The woman was examined in an early stage of pregnancy when termination was still possible, but nothing abnormal was discovered. The woman has returned to Italy but has been invited to come back for a second examination later in her pregnancy, the spokeswoman said.

Obligatory air travel sours haj for some

HAIFA — Some 20 per cent of the 2600 Israeli Moslems who registered to make the pilgrimage to Mecca this month have cancelled their plans because Jordanian authorities have refused to allow them to travel by bus. Instead, Amman insists they travel by plane, with round-trip fare set at 341 Jordanian dinars (IS28,000).

The Prime Minister's Adviser on Arab Affairs Benjamin Gur Arye said yesterday that this constitutes discrimination against Israeli Moslems compared with those from the administered territories, who were allowed to use buses, costing only half as much.

This year, only 2,200 Israeli pilgrims intend to go to Mecca, less than half the number who travelled to the Moslem holy places last year.

Ze'evi bars reporters from Ha'aretz Museum

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — A reporter for the Mapam daily, *Al Hamishmar*, was barred from entering a press conference in Ha'aretz Museum yesterday at the order of museum director Rehavam Ze'evi. The press conference dealt with the start of the excavations at Tel Kasila, on the museum's grounds.

Asked by an *Al Hamishmar* editor why his reporter had been barred, Ze'evi said that the *Al Hamishmar* and Ha'aretz city reporters "will never be allowed into Ha'aretz Museum."

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that Ze'evi, who has reportedly quarrelled with most municipal reporters here, has been fired by reports written about himself and the museum in *Al Hamishmar* and the liberal Ha'aretz.

Wild car chase ends in convict's re-arrest

TEL AVIV (11m). — After a chase through the streets of north Tel Aviv yesterday morning, police succeeded in apprehending a convict who was on leave from the Ramle Prison.

The 32-year-old man was driving a stolen car carrying other stolen property and drugs when the vehicle was identified by detectives. The convict tried to flee from the police van and to run down one of the detectives. After a chase which included gun shots, the police caught the man at Kikar Hamedina.

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Airline passengers stranded by dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Some 90 passengers of the Arista charter flight company have been stranded in Israel due to the cancellation of the company's flights after a financial dispute between Arista's Israeli and American operators.

The passengers were told by the company's Israeli agents that they had decided to cancel the flights back to the U.S. after the American operator failed to pay them.

Traffic crackdown planned by police

A stepped-up enforcement programme against traffic offenders has been announced by southern police district commander Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi this week.

Despite a drop in the district's accident rate over the first eight months of the year, Caspi said more traffic police would be deployed, including plainclothes patrolmen in unmarked cars and Civil Guard volunteers. (11m)

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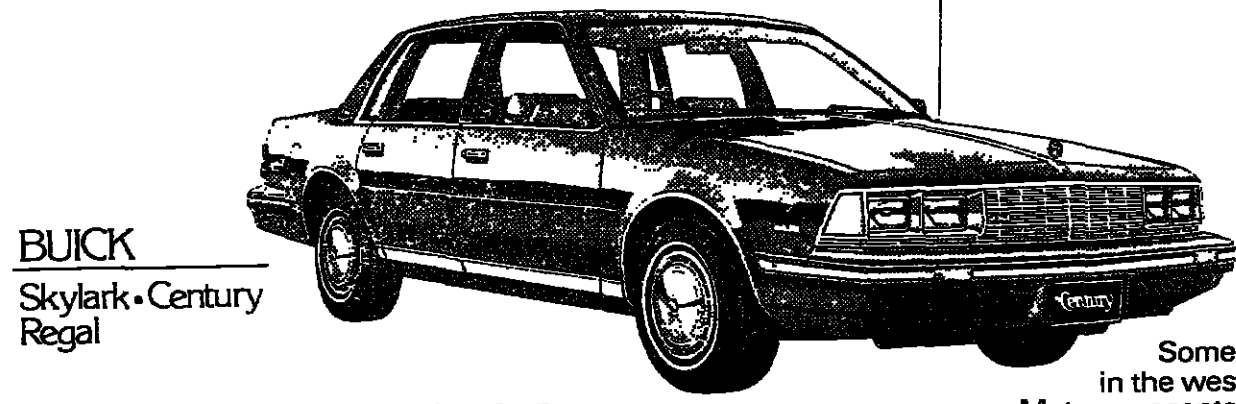
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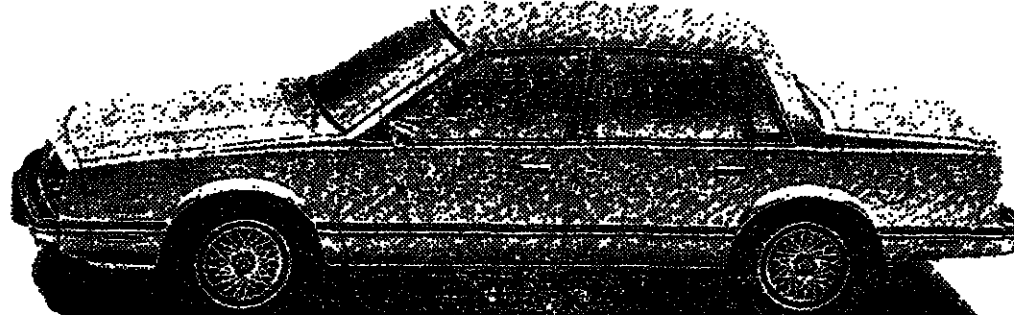
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Toronto parley nears accord on aid fund

TORONTO (AP). — After a week of intense bargaining the U.S. is edging closer to an agreement with 145 other nations on how to bolster a dangerously strained international financial system.

As the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank drew to an end this week, the Americans had accepted the urgent call for an increase in aid to nations unable to pay debts to nervous private bankers. But the U.S., which originally opposed any increase in still holding out for a smaller increase than that wanted by the other nations.

The World Bank has agreed in principle to try to put together a project for the reconstruction of Lebanon, bank president A.W. Clausen said yesterday.

He said the bank had also been asked "to take the initiative of forming a consultative group of donors for the reconstruction of Lebanon," and had agreed "in principle."

On another front, the World Bank penalized the U.S. for reducing its donations to the poorest nations by barring U.S. firms from contracts worth at least \$640 million. The 31 other donor nations agreed on Wednesday to establish a "special fund" to make up for the U.S. shortfall.

On the more urgent issue of short-term aid to countries on the brink of default, U.S. officials expressed confidence that a final agreement would be reached next spring. "We're going to make a massive effort to get it resolved by April," U.S. Treasury undersecretary Beryl Sprinkel said.

Although the Americans are willing to contribute more aid than they had originally planned, U.S. officials faced continued attacks for not supporting larger increases in fund lending and for refusing to acknowledge how perilous the international financial situation is.

The other nations say official aid is essential to weather the credit crises of Mexico and

other major borrowers.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal complained on Wednesday that the U.S. had almost single-handedly blocked the world community from moving toward an overhaul of its shaky financial system.

The world economy "is not merely being mismanaged, it's being allowed to operate in a kind of casino style," he said. The message was that "strong countries will make it and the devil take the hindmost."

The IMF, which is financed largely by the rich nations, makes short-term loans to governments on condition they move swiftly to correct the economic problems that put them deep in debt.

Mexico is conferring with the IMF for up to \$5 billion in loans to help it through a severe cash shortage. The crisis has made it impossible for the country to make payments on its \$80 billion debt — the largest of any developing country.

Rift in German coalition over 'anti-Americanism'

BONN (UPI). — Charges of anti-Americanism aroused tempers yesterday in a parliamentary debate that disclosed a growing rift in Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's coalition government.

A cocky Schmidt warned Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Free Democrats if they leave the 13-year old coalition and bring down the government they face the danger of being thrown out of parliament in the next election.

A story-faced Genscher ignored invitations extended by Schmidt and former chancellor Willy Brandt, chairman of Schmidt's Social Democratic Party, to state frankly and honestly if he plans to switch his crucial votes in parliament to the opposition Christian Democrats.

Christian Democratic leader Helmut Kohl brushed aside a challenge by Schmidt to introduce a no-confidence motion now, but left open whether he will try to topple Schmidt after the state election in Hesse on September 26.

Both the Christian Democrats

and the Free Democrats are running against the Social Democrats in Hesse and public opinion polls predict the election will end 35 years of Social Democratic rule there.

Two of the issues straining the coalition are government indebtedness and the attitude toward the U.S. Both were discussed in a debate that followed Schmidt's state of the nation address to the Bundestag, the lower house of parliament.

Brandt, who has accused Genscher of planning to use the anti-American issue as a pretext for leaving the coalition, made an impassioned defence against the charge, saying it is not anti-American to oppose nonsense from Washington.

"Just as we tell the United States that its Middle East proposals are sensible, so we must give our opinion when it is in our interest to do so. Nonsense is nonsense even if it comes from Washington," said Brandt.

UK firm supplies Soviets in defiance of U.S. embargo

GLASGOW. — A Soviet freighter left yesterday carrying the first British-made turbines for the Siberian gas pipeline in defiance of a U.S. embargo.

The move is expected to result in American sanctions against the turbine manufacturer, John Brown Engineering. The six turbines, carried by the freighter use U.S. General Electric rotors.

Two French and one Italian company have already incurred American sanctions, in the form of being denied U.S. oil and gas technology, for supplying equipment for the pipeline. The Reagan administration has threatened to impose similar sanctions against John Brown.

The British, French, Italian and West German governments have either ordered or encouraged firms in their countries to ignore the em-

bargo and fulfil long-standing contracts on which thousands of jobs depend.

In Bonn yesterday, Hildegard Hamm-Bruecher, minister of state at the West German foreign ministry, said in parliament that the government had made every effort to investigate charges that an estimated 100,000 prisoners are being forced to work on the pipeline.

"We have no conclusive evidence to support these reports," she said, stressing that the West German government takes the charges very seriously.

An opinion poll published yesterday showed that an overwhelming majority of West Germans support the country's participation in the pipeline deal. The poll showed that of 1,000 West Germans questioned, 83 per cent were in favour of sticking to the deal. (AP, UPI).



On show at the Farnborough airshow is the American Lockheed TR-1, a new high altitude reconnaissance aircraft. (UPI telephoto)

Right-wing coalition seen in aftermath of Dutch polls

THE HAGUE. — Queen Beatrix consulted party leaders yesterday in an attempt to form a new coalition government, a cabinet official said.

In the aftermath of Wednesday's elections that gave the Labour Party a slender lead, the top four parties met separately to discuss what advice they would give the Queen, party officials said.

Labour won 47 seats in the 150-seat parliament while the formerly dominant Christian Democrats slipped to 45.

The rightist Liberal Party won 36 seats, a gain of 10, while the Democrats '66 fell from 17 seats to six.

"The Queen will probably appoint a Labour Party member to investigate the potential for a new cabinet with wide parliamentary support," said cabinet spokesman Gijs van der Wiel.

The negotiations are expected to be prolonged but Van der Wiel anticipated that a centre-right coalition of Christian Democrats and Liberals would eventually emerge.

Such a coalition would command 81 parliamentary seats and the

leaders, Andreas van Agt and Ed Nijpels, have already expressed a wish to work together.

Van der Wiel said the economic and defence policy differences between the Labour and Christian Democrat parties were too great to allow any reasonable hope of a compromise between them.

Analysts in The Hague said that the parties could also not agree on how to approach the NATO nuclear missiles programme for Europe.

Labour leader Joop den Uyl said his party would never approve nuclear missile deployment in the Netherlands under any circumstances.

Van Agt and Nijpels both say the weapons must be accepted if the Soviet Union does not make significant concessions on its SS-20 programme.

Reuters reported from Brussels yesterday that NATO diplomats have welcomed the results of the Dutch elections, interpreting them as improving prospects for the Netherlands' acceptance of the alliance's cruise nuclear missiles. (UPI, Reuters)

Chinese elect new Central Committee

PEKING (UPI). — The Chinese Communist Party, nearing the end of a 10-day congress, met yesterday to elect a new Central Committee to govern the party for the next five years, the Xinhua news agency said.

It was not clear when the voting would be completed, but the results were not expected to be announced until today, the last day of the congress.

In addition to the Central Committee, the more than 1,500 delegates are electing a new advisory commission for aging leaders and an expanded discipline commission to crack down on corruption and other behaviour deviating from a detailed code of

conduct written into a party constitution adopted earlier this week.

The candidacies of important leaders were not in doubt and a three-step election procedure assured that the voting itself was a mere formality.

But the diplomats were waiting to see if Hua Guofeng, the now discredited ex-chairman of the party, would be re-elected to the Central Committee.

Reuters reported from Peking yesterday that the official China Daily newspaper denied that a "rectification campaign" for the Communist Party announced by General Secretary Hu Yaobang heralded a full-blown purge of opponents or a string of political trials.

U.S. Helsinki monitors blast Soviets

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Two leaders of the U.S. group monitoring the 1976 Helsinki human rights accord have blamed Soviet "repression" for the collapse of the Moscow monitoring group.

The chairman of the U.S. group, Congressman Dante Fascell, and Senator Robert Dole said in a joint statement they deplored "the Soviet repression which has forced an end to the noble work of the Moscow Helsinki group."

Yelena Bonner, wife of banished Nobel prizewinner Andrei Sakharov, issued a statement to journalists in Moscow Wednesday saying the group was disbanding after one of its three remaining members was told she may face trial.

"Yelena Bonner's statement should be seen as part of a pattern

of Soviet contempt for its CSCE (Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe) human rights commitments and will have a negative impact on the outcome of the Madrid CSCE meeting," Dole said.

Bonner, former lawyer Sofia Kallistratova and mathematician Naum Meyman are the only members left of the Moscow group, which made headlines in the West in the late 1970s.

LAUNCHING. — China launched a satellite into space yesterday to conduct unspecified scientific experiments, the New China News Agency said. Believed to be China's 12th successful satellite launching, it took place nearly a year after the last three were put into orbit on board a single rocket.

Bolivia is holding head above water

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Bolivia is up to date on loan repayments to foreign banks, a Bank of America spokesman said on Wednesday night in response to news reports that the country had apparently defaulted on its debts. He added that Bolivia made a small repayment of less than \$1 million on Wednesday to keep principal and interest payments up to date.

The Bank of America led a consortium of about 125 banks which negotiated a restructuring of Bolivia's foreign debt last year. The country, a leading tin producer, has been hit by depressed tin prices. Its external debts total \$2.54 billion and it has virtually no foreign currency reserves.

Private banks decided a week ago to suspend currency operations until the country's military rulers devise what the banks would regard as a sound economic programme. General Guido Vildoso, who took office as president last month with a mandate to hold elections next April, has been urged by some politicians, union leaders and businessmen to bring the ballot forward.

In Mexico, the financially-crippled government has won a concession from organized labour to delay any across-the-board wage demand until the end of the year. The move provides a much-needed breathing space as the country struggles to stave off bankruptcy.

Bomb in Teheran shopping district injures 3

LONDON (Reuters). — A small bomb exploded in a crowded street in central Teheran yesterday, injuring three passers-by, according to Iran's national news agency IRNA, monitored here.

The bomb, planted in a car outside a shop, shattered windows of a row of buildings in Laleh-Zar Street, a crowded shopping centre close to several embassies including the British.

It was the second explosion in Teheran in less than a week. Three days ago, a powerful blast rocked the Iranian capital, killing 20 people and injuring 100.

Both blasts have been blamed on "American-inspired agents," a reference to the leftist Mujahedin Khalq rebel organization.

Turkish diplomat killed in Bulgaria

ANKARA (AP). — Turkey's administrative attaché in Burgas, Bulgaria, Bora Suelkan, was shot and killed by armed assailants yesterday, the foreign ministry said. It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the attack.

Since 1973, Armenian terrorists have assassinated 23 Turkish officials and members of their families abroad. But they have never mounted attacks in a communist country.

Brezhnev calls for Israeli withdrawal

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, meeting yesterday with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, called for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon and blamed the U.S. for tensions throughout the world.

The official TASS news agency said Brezhnev also repeated his earlier proposal for convening a Middle East peace conference to include the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Brezhnev told Perez de Cuellar that "the whole world denounced Israel's criminal aggression against Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria."

It was Brezhnev's first publicized meeting since he returned from his summer vacation on August 31.

U.S. firm launches first 'private' rocket

MATAGORDA ISLAND, Texas (AP). — Conestoga 1 blasted off from this isolated island yesterday becoming the first privately financed spacecraft launched in the U.S. It flew a 10-and-a-half minute mission, exactly as planned, before splashing down.

"We did it, we did it," shouted one executive of Space Services of America after the launch. Company officials had called Conestoga "the future" of their business and said it would help boost private industry into space.

LEBANON CAMPAIGN

POST funds begin campaign; children, elderly to benefit

Now that the fighting in Lebanon is virtually over, that country can begin to put its house in order after eight years of chaos. But before it can once more become a vacationer's paradise, there is much to be done for the people for whom Lebanon is not a holiday destination, but the place which they call home.

Lebanon's community service infrastructure has been severely damaged, and it will take a lot of time and money to rebuild hospitals, health clinics, schools and other facilities.

The Lebanese are not alone in the task of rebuilding. The conscience of the world was pricked by their suffering under PLO occupation, and there are now many helping hands from many countries.

Judging by letters from Jerusalem Post readers, there is widespread appreciation for the establishment of the Lebanon Campaign, which gives people of different nationalities and religions the opportunity of identifying with the aspirations of terror-free Lebanon.

Donations continue to arrive daily, with this week's \$546,528.51 bringing the fund to a total of \$1,274,019.99.

Joseph Achen, an officer of Young Israel of Montreal, was entitled to \$180 for special services rendered to the congregation during the High Holy Days. He instructed that the money be forwarded to the Lebanon Campaign. Mr. Achen himself recently

arrived in Israel, loaded with gifts of sweaters, T-shirts and seashell necklaces for The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund, billboards for wounded soldiers, special identity rings for their girl friends and \$1,800 for the Forsake Me Not drive. All these gifts were a token of the affection of Young Israel of Montreal.

This week's most substantial contribution to the Lebanon Campaign came from Minyan M't of New York, long-time supporters of Jerusalem Post funds.

Other contributors included:

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"FORSAKE ME NOT"

The third annual Forsake Me Not drive is off to a propitious start, with contributions this week totalling \$18,861.69. Contributors included faithful stalwarts such as our anonymous donor from Cimarron, Kansas, who sends substantial donations nearly every month, and Jerusalem's Bridge Party 12, which has made its sixth contribution in a period of less than 12 months.

And of course, there was our anonymous Jerusalemite who contributes every week to at least two of our funds, but who has been known on more than one occasion to send in cheques for all of them.

We notice that donations honouring celebrations such as the 80th birthday of Dolly Perath, the golden wedding anniversary of Rachel and Ben Baran and the 75th birthday of Max Goldfarb have been carried over into our new drive for funds,

and this week's list of donors includes another golden wedding couple, Leon and Lillie Kaye of Kibbutz Lavi.

These are all fortunate people surrounded by loving relatives and friends, but there are many more of their peer generation living in loneliness, poverty and misery, whose lives would be greatly enriched by their being brought within the framework of programmes and services for the aged.

Bel-tightening on the part of the government puts some of these services in jeopardy. They can only keep going if funds are forthcoming from other sources. Jerusalem Post readers have been most generous in the past, but every year, there are increasing numbers of elderly people, and more generosity is needed. Please make it your new year resolution not to forsake citizens of Israel in the time of old age and fading strength.

Current donors launching the third drive were:

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Lebanese elder statesman Charles Malik discusses the future of the Middle East with Joyce Starr.

A Lebanese point of view



THE REAGAN Middle East initiative was "a very carefully prearranged action," probably with the prior knowledge of the Palestine Liberation Organization. That is the view of Charles Malik, the Lebanese elder statesman, interviewed early this week in his home near Beirut.

"I do not have first-hand knowledge of what happened," Malik is careful to point out. "But my guess is that my friend, Mr. Philip Habib, promised the Palestinians that he had in the offing an initiative to spring upon the world, and he lived up to that promise."

Dr. Malik, who has served as Lebanon's foreign minister under two presidents, further suggests that the thinking of the White House, "wanted to seize the Palestinians and the Arabs with his ideas early enough in the game, right after the Beirut episode, so as to control the development of events from the very beginning."

DR. MALIK'S small villa in the mountains outside Beirut seems strikingly spare for this man of international reputation, whom Lebanese term a "national treasure." Inside, there is little evidence of the international positions he has held, including 14 years as president of the UN General Assembly, or the world leaders he has known.

Dr. Malik's presence is an imposing one. He has the quiet dignity of a man who has spent much of his 70 years in public service, and of a philosopher who is sought after by universities throughout the world. He is also one of a number of leading Lebanese intellectuals from whom Bashir Jemayel seeks counsel.

But he also has proved himself a man of action. In January 1977, at a mountain retreat near his home, Malik was one of the principal actors in the unification of the "resistance" to the Syrian and Palestinian presence in Lebanon, a grouping which later evolved into the Lebanese Front. Today he is a member of the six-man directorate of the Front, of which the Lebanese Forces is the military arm. Other members of the directorate include Pierre Jemayel, the founder of the Kataeb party, and former president Camille Chamoun.

Bashir Jemayel is not a member of this elite panel, Malik points out, but the president-elect participated in the more recent stages of decision-making.

"We were an opposition party,"

says Malik. "Bashir was our nominee and his election is something of which we are very proud."

He describes the president-elect as "wholly intact" morally. "I have never heard a word said about him that smacks of corruption. Bashir is totally dedicated, never leaving his comrades in the field, adored by his followers, working 24 hours a day. He has gone through the furnace of fire, but always keeping his head, knowing what he wants."

Malik has no doubts about the youthful Bashir's qualifications. He says he "challenges anyone to show me a person who can equal the potential of Bashir Jemayel as president of Lebanon."

DR. MALIK was at Bashir Jemayel's side as the votes were counted on August 23. When he expresses a view of Lebanon's role in the changing Middle East, it is clearly his own. But his listener surmises that it may also reflect many of the views of the new president.

"If all goes well — which is a formidable statement — Lebanon will play a modest but significant role throughout the rest of this century and beyond in this part of the world. Its role will be, as I see it, not only in terms of commerce and international communications, in which it is very experienced, but in the realm of ideas and information — the freedom of discussion and the search for all aspects of the truth. In fact, Lebanon's material role, in itself the offshoot of its intellectual and spiritual role, is irreplaceable by any country in the Middle East."

"Now this role will be resumed. Indeed, this has been one of the basic sources of enthusiasm for our young men; not to allow that intellectual role to be barred or diminished."

Dr. Malik believes that developments in Lebanon "are already greatly affecting what happens in Syria, in Jordan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia. The question which dominates the thinking of many people is whether these events will lead not only to peace between Lebanon and Israel, but to an overall peace in the area. I, myself, do not see how events can lead in any other direction."

He goes on to explain that the Middle East as a whole is in the process of an inevitable historical transition, "breaking down into what Churchill, as early as 1941, described as the Near and Middle East. By the Near East I mean the Eastern Mediterranean as opposed to the Middle East, which is the

Gulf area.

"In the Gulf area, the West has lost its strength and cannot restore its position," Malik says. "Moscow will dominate the area and there is no way to avoid it. In the Near East, the U.S. is strong. England does not count, except peripherally, and while France is trying to reassert her position in the area, she will not

after an upheaval like the one we have witnessed."

Malik seems confident that the minorities of Lebanon can re-establish a peaceful coexistence, after the conflicts of the last decade.

"These minorities lived more or less peacefully with each other — with strains, to be sure — until the intervention of Nasser 24 years ago, and

collects of our time, repeat phrases that are very easy: a Palestinian state, the West Bank and Gaza, the PLO does or does not represent the Palestinians."

Dr. Malik does not believe the concept of "forcing an independent, sovereign Palestinian state" is viable, nor does he think that Israel will ever accept such a plan. "Let

tion," notes Malik, "between an espoused policy and what you allow to happen, which could lead to the exact opposite of your espoused policy."

At the same time, Malik views the announcement of the Reagan plan to be both a "significant and well-meaning step" as far as Lebanon is concerned. "The Americans must play a middle position. And you have to start with something that nobody likes, but that has elements of compromise, elasticity, that will lead to a reconsideration of positions."

Q. Irrespective of the substantive orientation of the Reagan plan, which could exist in removing most of the Palestinians from Lebanon, in terms of the diplomatic machinery of the U.S., might not the initiative be possibly premature, in that it distracts the U.S. from the immediate problems of Lebanon?

"I think there's a great deal of truth in what you say. I would like to give the American the benefit of the doubt as to whether they would not be able to circumvent that danger. I hope they will, but I quite agree that we are still in the midst of a mess. We do not know how this mess is going to work out. We have cleared a few hurdles, but there are a number that we have not cleared."

The Syrians and some armed Palestinians are still here. The formation of the government of Lebanon has yet to take place. But of course the Americans say that the Syrians promised them that they will withdraw; on what they base their conviction I do not know.

The Syrians are still in the north and building up their own forces. The Palestinians are returning from Syria into the north of Lebanon."

Finally, Dr. Malik responded to a question about the world press: negative reaction both to the seven-year struggle inside Lebanon against foreign forces and to the Israeli intervention against those elements. "As I see it, there are three basic reasons. The most important is the fact that there is a great deal of money in the hands of the Palestinians, who have succeeded in establishing a formidable lobby for themselves. They are magnificently organized, integrated and financed."

Dr. Malik's second point is that the "liberals of the world, the leftists, the Communists and their sympathizers, have joined together as both enemies of Israel and of the Lebanese Christians." They all, he said, joined hands "with world-wide Arabism, becoming almost much less in their onslaught," and are aided and abetted by Moscow.

The third factor in Dr. Malik's analysis applies only to Lebanon, where "Maronite Christians of Lebanon remained quite unknown in the world. When you speak of Maronites as being Christian Europe — with the possible exception of France — smiles." This lack of identity made the Lebanese struggle against a well-financed foe all the more difficult, Malik says.

Dr. Joyce Starr is overseas representative of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University.

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ASKED WHETHER Israelis are realistic in their hopes for relations with Lebanon, Dr. Malik says: "If peace should supervene after this great upheaval, there will be a creative interaction between the Lebanese and the Israelis that will stun the world on all levels of human endeavor. We can therefore say that the Israeli action, whatever its justifications or lack thereof, will have caused an historical leap of development which cannot be wholly predicted or foreseen at present."

"The history of the Middle East will never be the same again — never — after the events of the last two and a half months. Of course it all depends on the spirit and policy which will evolve after a new Lebanon begins to take root and on the far-sightedness of the policy that develops between the two countries."

Q. Might not the Israeli presence in Lebanon cause an eventual bitterness, even among Lebanese now friendly to its objectives?

"The most important consideration which Lebanon deeply cherishes and I trust Israel also cherishes, is the relationship of genuine, mutual respect without any endeavour on the part of Israel to dominate or subjugate Lebanon. This is an axiom in Lebanese thinking. I must say that I have reason to believe that it is fully appreciated by Israel. But you can never tell how things will develop

the intervention of the Palestinians 10 years ago. Still they managed to carry on in the sense of a general pluralism and democracy. There has been nothing like that in the history of our region."

But now, he warns, "all of this is at stake. History may not want Lebanon to last. The Middle East may not stomach Lebanon in the form I have just outlined. If Lebanon ceases to exist as a pluralistic society, then the model of a Moslem state and a Jewish state will have won. And our model of a non-Christian, non-Moslem state open to all religions will have been destroyed."

Still, Dr. Malik expresses concern about the future of more than one half million Palestinians who remain in Lebanon. "What shall we do," he asks, "let them integrate into Lebanese society or allow them to rot in their own camps? Whether the PLO is here or not, what will happen to them? On this problem depends the future of Lebanon, because Lebanon is predicated constitutionally on a very delicate balance among its geographic components. To add one half million Palestinians to this already strained equilibrium is to upset the balance tragically."

According to Dr. Malik, a continued substantial presence of the Palestinians in Lebanon could result in a "demographic determinism that would destroy Lebanon."

The "degree of creative thinking and responsible penetration" on the Palestinian issue, he declares "has been pathetically lacking. The in-

lists can be seen from the first chapter of tractate Ma'asrot, Mishnayot 2-7. It is given in the most prosaic of contexts, as to at what stage in their growth these products become liable to tithing.

In addition to those five fruits it gives peaches, pears, apples, pippins, medlars, quinces and carob. It gives a comprehensive list of vegetables: cucumbers, gourds, water melons, musk melons and onions. And the fruit which can today be regarded as "the glory of Israel" the various citrus plants, is represented only by the etrog.

And, who shall deny that even that wealth of produce is as nothing compared with the profusion of today? And so "Bless for us this year and all its different kinds of produce for good" as we pray daily, attains its implementation more and more. So may it be with the New Year which lies ahead.

which the rabbis call "the species in which the land is glorified".

They consist of two grains — wheat and barley, and five fruits — the fig, the vine, the pomegranate, the olive and the date palm ("honey"). There is not a word on vegetables which are mentioned as growing in Egypt and other ground crops, but grass as fodder is specifically mentioned in the second paragraph of the Shema.

The incredible increase and diversification of the agricultural produce of the land in Talmudic times as compared with the Biblical

Short summary

TORA AND FLORA/Louis I. Rabinowitz

"That which is sown" refers to vegetables and other ground crops; "that which flourishes," to trees, particularly fruit bearing trees; and "grass" refers to the natural verdure which grows without planting or tending and which serves as fodder for cattle.

That, however, does not constitute the only passage which can be regarded as a comprehensive description of the agricultural produce of the land. I have had occasion time and again to refer to the seven agricultural products listed in Deut. 8:8 in describing the bounty of the land in which the Children of Israel were about to enter, and

Portion of the Week: Nitzanm-Fayelech, Deut. 20:9-31 3rd. The verse discussed is 29:22.

NEXT FRIDAY will already be the eve of Rosh Hashanah, the New Year. It is therefore wholly fitting that this column, the last of the Jewish year 5742, which is based on the Scriptural readings for the year which is thus drawing to its close should be something in the nature of a summation.

That summation is found, albeit in the briefest of terms, and in a negative instead of in a positive sense, in the portion which will be read this weekend. It speaks of the utter destruction of the fertility of the land, which shall be transformed into "brimstone and salt," and the land "shall not be sown, nor flourish, nor bring up any grass." These three words encompass the whole world of edible flora.

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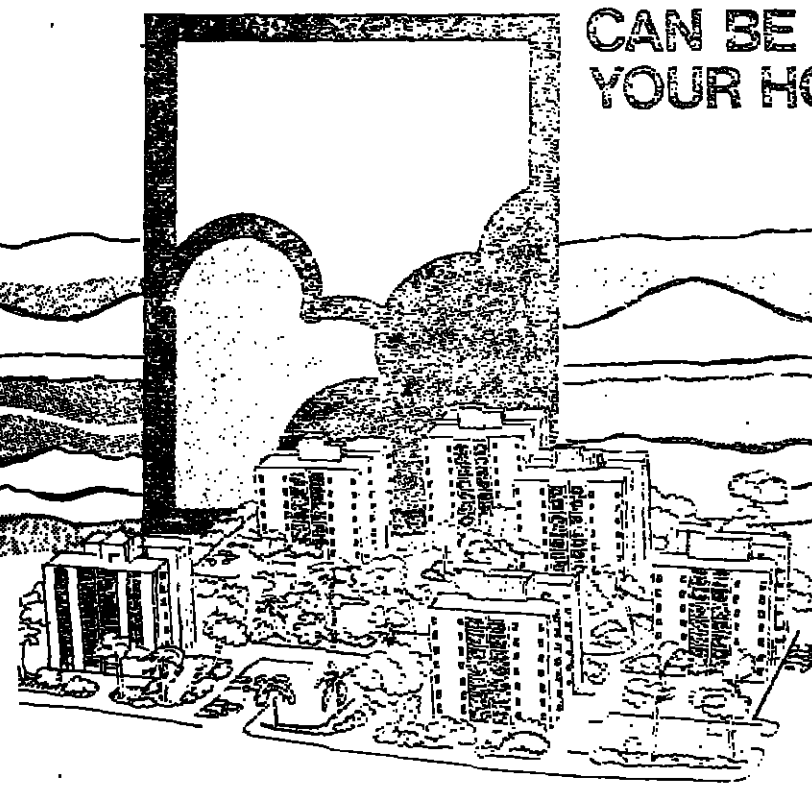
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PRESIDENT Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz have a very deliberate and sophisticated strategy for eventually winning Israeli participation in revived Palestinian autonomy negotiations based on the new U.S. peace plan.

Long before Reagan's proposals were made public during his nationally televised address on September 1, the president and his senior aides recognized that Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the Israeli government could be expected to react negatively. At the same time, however, they had good reason to believe that other influential voices in Israel, especially those within the opposition Labour Alignment, would respond favourably.

Reagan and Shultz, moreover, correctly foresaw that this deep split within the Israeli political establishment was bound to have an automatic spillover effect on the American Jewish community and other traditionally supportive pro-Israel elements in the U.S.

With Israel and its politically active allies divided, the administration concluded that it would be well on the way toward pushing through a new start on the Palestinian question.

Reagan and Shultz moved so quickly and decisively in advancing their detailed plan because they had received advance word from Jordan's King Hussein that he was favourably disposed to the American proposals. The State Department's highest ranking Middle East expert, Assistant Secretary Nicholas Veliotis, had made a secret trip to Amman in late August to brief the king on the Reagan plan.

Hussein, while refusing to flatly commit himself to join the talks, did indeed leave the strong impression with Veliotis, former U.S. Ambassador to Jordan, that he was anxious to participate assuming he received a green light from other Arab "moderates."

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A DEFT USE OF POWER

By WOLF BLITZER

"full autonomy" for the Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza.

THE U.S. STRATEGY is, of course, based on the assumption that should Jordan and other moderate Palestinians join the negotiations, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for Israel to stay away. Domestic Israeli political pressure would mount rapidly, many Israelis asking why Israel refused to sit around the bargaining table with Arabs prepared to negotiate face to face.

Pressure, the Americans concluded, would also develop from outside Israel, especially from American Jewish political activists and Israel's other best friends in Washington. On Capitol Hill, the Reagan proposals have been extremely well received, even by traditionally pro-Israel supporters.

Tom Dine, the executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), bluntly told *The New York Times* that the proposals have "a lot of value"

"Congressman Charles Wilson of Texas, a democrat and strong supporter of Israel, held a press conference on Tuesday to endorse the Reagan proposals."

It was Wilson who returned to Washington from a visit to Lebanon in early June to defend Operation Peace for Galilee. Now, he was urging Begin to reconsider his earlier flat opposition to the Reagan plan. To a certain extent, the U.S. administration was not all that unhappy that Israel had responded so sharply against the Reagan plan.

It is in the nature of the Middle East that an Israeli rejection would tend to strengthen prospects of the Arab Summit giving Jordan and moderate Palestinians a green light to join the negotiations.

The Arabs are always most pleased when Washington and Jerusalem are screaming at each other.

Assuming that Jordan joins the talks, and that is by no means yet certain, the Americans want to see a full-scale political debate over the

future of the West Bank and Gaza develop within Israel and among Israel's supporters in the U.S. If the prospects of real peace can be driven home, American officials said, then one of two things can be expected to happen: either Begin and the Likud-led coalition government will be forced to reconsider their opposition, or a real political crisis in Israel will develop leading to new elections.

The future of the territories will be at the centre of those elections. The Americans are convinced that a majority of Israelis are still prepared for territorial compromise in Judea and Samaria in exchange for real peace with Jordan.

SHULTZ, the prime mover behind the new initiative, is very astute. He knows that any overt U.S. pressure on Israel, such as withholding economic and military assistance, would probably be counterproductive.

It would needlessly tend to rally support for the Begin government,



George Shultz: the prime mover

U.S. officials said. For the moment, Washington rules out such direct pressure on Israel. What's crucial for the success of the new U.S. strategy, U.S. officials said, was to generate a lengthy and deep political debate within Israel.

That, by itself, could prove to be the necessary catalyst in either revising the views of the Begin government or enforcing new elections.

Begin and the Likud government have never had much support in their nationalist-religious-biblical claim for permanent control over Judea, Samaria and Gaza in Washington. Many Americans, including Reagan and Shultz, have accepted the security rationale behind a firm Israeli military presence in certain specified portions of those territories.

But very few influential people in the U.S. accept the notion that Israel should forever retain sovereignty there.

On this sensitive point, Begin has

virtually no significant support in the U.S. Congress, let alone in the administration.

That's why the settlement issue has become the single most significant source of displeasure with Israel. The matter simply seems provocative.

From the first days of the Begin government in 1977, American supporters of Israel have urged the prime minister to go slow on settlements.

Even such devoted friends as Democratic Senator Henry Jackson of the state of Washington have appealed to Begin to freeze settlement construction. All those requests, of course, have been in vain.

Until his address, Reagan maintained a very low profile on the settlement issue. Unlike Jimmy Carter, he never charged that they were illegal. But now, Reagan and his new secretary of state have come on very strong in demanding an end to settlements.

"The United States will not support the use of any additional land for the purpose of settlements during the transitional period," Reagan said. "Indeed, the immediate adoption of a settlement freeze by Israel, more than any other action, could create the confidence needed for wider participation in these talks. Further settlement activity is in no way necessary for the security of Israel and only diminishes the confidence of the Arabs that a final outcome can be freely and fairly negotiated."

So, Jordan now remains the big question mark. If Hussein says yes to Washington, the Americans are confident that Begin will be forced to do the same.

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Making up our minds

By ZALMAN SHOVAL

though a future role is not totally excluded.

Most important, in the eyes of some Israeli advocates of the Reagan Plan, there is the statement that "peace cannot be achieved by the formation of an independent Palestinian state."

This proviso might indeed have been deemed very positive were it not for one fact: a "limited" Palestinian government in the "territories," even one supposedly under the aegis of Amman, could very quickly turn into a fully-fledged PLO-dominated regime, and not only on the Jordan's west bank, but on its east bank as well. There are also indications that the U.S. rejection of the idea of a separate Palestinian state is not as categorical as it appears.

THE MOST negative aspect of the plan is its basic premise, that for all practical purposes, Israel is in fact to be excluded altogether from West Bank and Gaza's affairs. In this respect the U.S. denies one of the basic concepts of Camp David.

In his speech, President Reagan contends that the "Arab-Israeli conflict should be resolved through negotiations involving the exchange of territory for peace." Though this had indeed been the basis for the Israeli-Egyptian treaty, the fundamental principle of the formula for Judea, Samaria and Gaza had been the indivisibility of the area — hence the need for adopting functional solutions that would at least somewhat satisfy the aspirations and needs of the parties involved: the Palestinians, Jordan, but not less Israel!

It stands to reason that otherwise Israel would never have agreed to the sacrifices it made. It wasn't by accident that Moshe Dayan, told President Carter at the time that autonomy was a way for Jews and Arabs to live together, and not a formula "to kick us out."

President Reagan claims that America's new approach "embraces the Camp David framework." In fact, nothing could be more contradictory to both the letter and the spirit of Camp David than the startling view that internal security in the West Bank and Gaza should be the exclusive concern of the local Arab population. In other words, a classic case of the cat watching the cream. Moreover, the cat could change its spots.

True, the Camp David agreement does talk about a "strong local police force (that) will be composed of inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza," but it also says that this police "will maintain continuing liaison on internal security with the designated Israeli, Jordanian, and Egyptian officers." So, Israel does have a role to play. It was not intended that only Arab inhabitants of the area would belong to this force.

PERHAPS even more serious is that no explicit reference is made in

Washington's "new ideas" to Israel's role in the area's external security. One of the fundamental, and from Israel's point of view, unalterable, precepts of the Camp David agreements had been that the defence of the West Bank and Gaza areas from outside incursion would be primarily the responsibility of the State of Israel, both along the former Mandatory borders, and in specified security locations, into which Israeli forces will be "redeployed." This was to be not only for the five-year transitional period, but also "beyond."

The reasons for this must be clear to anyone who has ever looked at a map of the region. "Internal security" means preventing Judea, Samaria and Gaza from being turned into a centre of operations and staging-area for terrorists whose declared aim is the dismemberment of the Jewish state. The West Bank and Gaza could almost immediately turn into another Southern Lebanon, only more so and much closer to Israel's population centres. Should this come about, Israel will certainly have to embark, time and time again, on preventive or retaliatory wars in order to be able to live peacefully.

As to external security, from any strategic point of view, Israel, even in the pre-1967 borders, cannot really be defended without control of the Jordan valley and the mountain ranges overlooking it. Is it conceivable that Israel will hand control of her physical security, and perhaps of her very existence, to Arab forces?

And now to the question of settlements. President Reagan has called for the "immediate adoption of a settlement freeze by Israel." This writer has never held with the necessity or the advisability of put-

ting up Jewish settlements in the midst of a dense Arab population. The process of establishing settlements should be much more selective.

President Reagan, however, also states that further settlement activity is in no way necessary for the security of Israel. Let us be the judge of that.

As a matter of principle, Israel should never forgo its right to determine what is important to its security and what isn't, or the right of its people to live and work in any part of their country. Let there be no mistake about this: President Reagan does not distinguish in this respect between the Jordan valley and Samaria, or between Gush Etzion and Kiryat Arba. In his (or rather the State Department's) view, all belong to the same category.

THE U.S. Government may have committed its gravest deviation from the principles of Camp David by letting it be known now what it thinks the status of the West Bank and Gaza should be after the five-year transitional period. This, as well as "the area's relationship with its neighbours," were to be determined in negotiations between the parties "as soon as possible, but not later than the third year after the beginning of the transitional period."

As former U.S. vice-president Walter Mondale has pointed out, if the U.S., whose role is supposed to be that of the "honest broker," announces now that in its "firm view" there must be "self-government" by the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan, i.e. to the complete exclusion of Israel, what chance is there for "voluntary agreement between the parties" and for the "give and take" of negotiations? Isn't it clear that the Palestinians and the Jordanians will now lack the incentive to be forthcoming in these negotiations and to "give" something in return for the "take"?

How should Israel react? The cabinet has totally rejected the new proposals. This is a negative stance, though an understandable one. What should be done is to put forth our own new initiatives to show the world that it is the Arabs who are intransigent and who reject compromise.

There can be no doubt that the

Israeli Government seriously misjudged political and international realities when it dragged its feet on setting up the autonomy as soon as possible after the Camp David conference. It should have either tried harder to achieve agreement with Egypt, or failing this, adopted the late Moshe Dayan's idea of "cutting through the Gordian knot" by unilaterally setting up a sort of de facto autonomy. (We now know that the late President Sadat, and presumably also the Americans, would have gone along with this.)

In this respect, the government's attitude certainly aided the opponents of Camp David and autonomy — the PLO, Jordan, some circles in the U.S. administration. Since President Sadat's death and the return of Sinai, Egypt also has less to look for from Camp David. One of the main aims of Israel's foreign policy from 1977 to 1979, had been to avoid confrontation with the U.S. and to outflank, through positive action and new ideas, all sorts of American and international initiatives seeking to make Israel return to the pre-1967 borders. Another, and no less important, Israeli objective was to achieve peace with Egypt. In both these endeavours, Israel has been eminently successful, the main achievement being the Camp David Accords.

Once it became evident that autonomy would not get off the ground, it should have been clear to everyone that it was only a matter of time before old-new ideas of the sort President Reagan has just trumpeted would re-appear on the scene.

There were abundant indications that something of this sort was coming. A senior administration official several weeks ago told *New York Times* columnist Leslie Gelb that Washington was being forced to advance its own ideas on the ultimate fate of the Palestinians "because the Israelis have been acting on their own interpretation of Camp David, namely that Israel would maintain sovereignty in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

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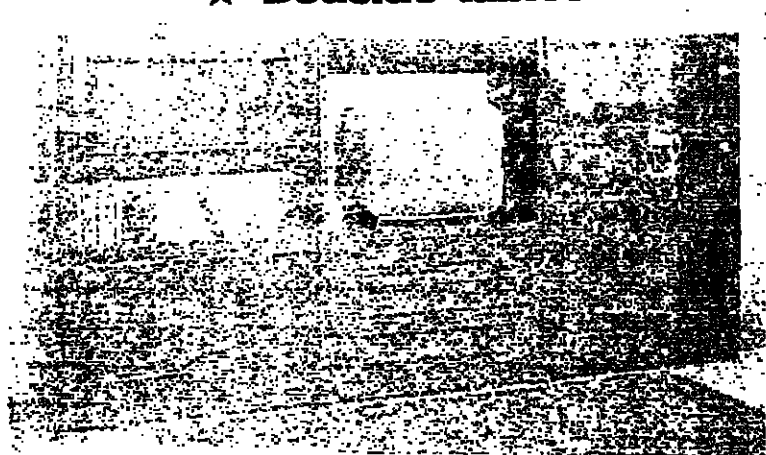
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De facto dual society

MERON BENVENISTI talks to Jerusalem Post reporter David Richardson about social and physical

realities on the West Bank that call into question the relevance of the U.S. call for a freeze on Jewish settlement there.

AS ONE DRIVES north from Jerusalem, an innocuous buff-colored sign on the highway to Ramallah, near Atlat airport, declares that one is entering the jurisdictional boundaries of the Match Binyamin Divisional Council.

The divisional council offices are a few prefabricated buildings on a hilltop known locally as Jabal Tawil, which overlooks the West Bank city of El Bireh. From here a handful of fiercely driven young people — all members of Gush Emunim — administer the affairs, chiefly the planning and development, of their fiefdom, which corresponds roughly to those areas once allocated to the tribe of Benjamin.

But the jurisdictional boundaries of Match Binyamin are also almost identical to those of the District of Ramallah. The Match Binyamin council handles the affairs and development of the Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria — Ramallah Municipality looks after the Arab residents of the area.

Announcing his peace initiative, President Reagan pledged that "America will not support the use of any additional land for the purpose of settlement" and called Israel to begin "an immediate settlement freeze."

But by focusing on the odd new settlements, the American administration is overlooking the radical changes taking place in the West Bank — the continuing development of large urban centres which will organically link vital areas of the West Bank to the major Israeli urban centres.

Advocates of a Palestinian state, Arab leaders at Foz, or, by implication, President Reagan, would do well to look at a map of the areas they are discussing and the infrastructure of Jewish settlement that already exists there.

ONE SUCH map hangs on the wall of a study in Abu Tor in Jerusalem. Its scale is 1:50,000, and it covers the wall from ceiling to floor. More than the rest of red dots that indicate existing settlements (over a hundred) — no one really knows — and more than the pink dots for planned settlements (like those the government decided to set up, last Sunday), it's the black whorls indicating land that is currently or that could come under Israeli control that are really outstanding.

The slopes south of Hebron, for instance, are thick with these scribbles almost as if the map has a bad case of acne.

Some of these areas are linked together to form Jewish local councils. That of the town of Ariel, which has a population of some 1,000, is approximately the same size as the greater municipal district of Hebron with an estimated population of 90,000.

"This map is the division of Eretz Yisrael according to Premier Begin," says the man who completed the map, Dr. Meron Benvenisti, a former deputy mayor of Jerusalem and a researcher in "plural societies." His doctoral thesis for Harvard University was on the sectarian conflict in Belfast.

"It's the blueprint of a dual society. There is a Jewish area, where Jewish services and standards will apply, like elections and free speech, and there is an Arab area where the military government — or, if you prefer, the civil administration — will apply."

"This foundation already exists. It was completed in 1981, in response to the problems the government encountered in fleshing out its ideas about autonomy."

It amounts to the unilateral implementation of Israel's version of autonomy on the ground.

The plan does not require the passing of additional laws or even a declarative statement. "Begin may want to do that, but the people doing the work on the ground do not need it — it would only hamper them," says Benvenisti.

The former deputy mayor is working on the final stages of what he calls a data base on the West Bank. For the past six months, financed by a small grant from New York University, and helped by seven part-time assistants, he has been collating data of land ownership and control, demographic movements and changes, economics and water

resources, all of which he says will serve as a bench-stop during future discussions of the area.

Most of the information has been published, nothing is secret. His innovation is to bring together all the various maps and scraps of information in one well-sized sheet of paper and one study that make President Reagan's statements and the Arab leaders' deliberations over recognizing Israel in order to save something of Palestine for the Palestinians almost pitifully irrelevant.

TWO MILITARY ORDERS laid the legal basis for the dual society Benvenisti refers to and for the "crazy brilliance" — as he puts it — of Israel's implementation of its plans on the ground.

Order No. 783 created and determined the boundaries of the Jewish divisional councils. Order No. 947 set up the civil administration currently headed by Prof. Menachem Milson. Both orders were published only in Hebrew.

Judea and Samaria are now divided, as far as their Jewish residents are concerned, into six regional councils: Shomron, Match Binyamin, Gush Etzion, Har Hebron and Megillot (the banks of the Dead Sea — the name refers to the Dead Sea scrolls). These six divisions cover the whole West Bank.

In certain areas they correspond closely to the British Mandate sub-districts which the Jordanians and the Israeli military government continued to use as the basis for their

land ownership in the records of the various districts in the West Bank, as well as aerial surveys which showed cultivated and uncultivated land.

FOLLOWING the discovery of the "trick" or escape clause of "state lands" in the land law of the area, and given that less than one-third of the land in the area has undergone formal parcellation procedures, any uncultivated land that is not unequivocally owned is now under Israeli control. Benvenisti concludes that this amounts to more than half of the 5.8 million dunams in the West Bank (outside of East Jerusalem). "The hysterical cries from Gush Emunim following the Eilon Moreh affair are a thing of the past — now there is no shortage of land for further settlement," observes Benvenisti.

This is the area to which Israeli law will gradually and if necessary formally be applied at the end of the envisaged five-year interim period. In the areas that Israel regards as particularly sensitive — such as the immediate environs of Jerusalem and the hills overlooking the Tel Aviv metropolitan area — the planners have gone further, drawing up zoning schemes which have been passed as law by military order in the West Bank. These laws, too, were published only in Hebrew.

In Jerusalem's case, Benvenisti's map defines the zones of urban and village development from Beit El in the north to Tekoa in the south and from the western approaches of the city to Ma'aleh Adumim. Arab urban areas like the

by large Jewish dormitory suburbs, settlements, military camps — all served, linked and carved up by fast access highways.

But, as Benvenisti stresses, it is not so much the number of settlements as the type of settlement that is the most significant factor. And this is overlooked by American and Israeli politicians who talk of territorial compromise.

During the period of the Labour government the concept of settlement dictated the building of kibbutzim and moshavim, which meant that arable land had to be found for agriculture. Now, under the Likud and their settlement vanguard, Gush Emunim, the emphasis is on urban settlement — dormitories for Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

For this form of settlement arable land is unimportant — bulldozers and dynamite can prepare the most unsuitable terrain for vast building schemes such as those now in progress in the West Bank, which are rapidly changing the face of the West Bank and of Israel. They make territorial compromise almost impossible for any mainstream Israeli political party.

THE CURRENT budget for development and building on the West Bank is \$100 million, according to Benvenisti's estimates. He bases his figures on the published budgets of the various government ministries, and notes that half of this sum has been allocated to the Housing Ministry for building and infrastructure; the next largest slice, some \$31 million, is being spent by the Agriculture Ministry, and the balance by various other bodies like the Public Works Department, telecommunications, education and so on.

The dual system of services and standards is already only too apparent in the allocation of budgets. In contrast to the huge sums for Jewish settlement, the total budget of the military government and civil administration which is charged with the Arab population is \$15.437 million (\$14.5 million). Of this, 51 per cent is raised from taxes levied from the local population by the civil administration. The cost to the Israeli tax payer of maintaining the Kiryat Arba population is by comparison ludicrously cheap — \$211.7 million, which is only 1.7 per cent of the total civilian budget of the state.

Of this only 11 per cent or some \$550 million was allocated to development and capital projects — the rest is spent in health, education and welfare services. "Available data show a low level of service, almost no governmental investment in infrastructure of development," Benvenisti writes in his study which is due to be published at the end of the month. An examination of the revenues of the West Bank municipalities also shows a steady decrease in the share provided by the military government. In 1968-69, the military government's share of their budgets stood at 61.4 per cent; in 1980 it had dropped to 27.6 per cent and totalled \$580 million, or 41 per cent of the civil administration's budget.

AN OFTEN-HEARD argument is that there are not enough people to move into the new bedroom communities and settlements. But the housing fair in Jerusalem this week provided evidence to the contrary. Scores of not hundreds of young couples are only too willing to accept the highly attractive terms being offered by construction companies who have high-standard housing in Eilat, Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Zeev, Ariel, Ma'aleh Ephraim, Elkana and so forth.

The contractors are able to offer apartments at a far lower price than housing inside Israel proper, since the government provides all the infrastructure and basic services free. Prices of housing in the territories are accordingly between one-third and one-half of what they would otherwise be. Financing a dream home in Judea and Samaria is also an attractive

proposition. Up to 80 per cent can be arranged in long-term loans, some of which are on a never-never basis — as long as one lives there, the loan does not have to be repaid. One company, Mishav, offered contracts at this week's fair without requiring any down-payment.

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The planners know that few people are prepared to go to the isolated and far-flung settlements in the territories. But by concentrating on these large urban areas, they can prevent to a large extent the reassertion of Arab control over the unexploited land resources.

These areas also correspond roughly to those parts the Labour Party favours maintaining under the Allon Plan, as necessary for Israel's security.

At the current rate of building, 3,000 apartments a year are becoming available. That means an annual increase of the Jewish population in the West Bank of between 12,000 and 15,000. Seeing that 25,000 Jews already live in the West Bank, one can predict that at the present rate of development there will be 100,000 there by 1986.

The social and urban implications of this flow of young couples into the territories mean that the cities are weakened, Benvenisti says. But more significant is the creation of a political lobby that can effectively tie the hands of any major political party in Israel. Can any party afford to ignore 100,000 people? "Political opinions aside, one has to admit that socio-economically Ma'aleh Adumim for instance is an integral, organic part of Jerusalem," Benvenisti adds.

Demography is one of the vaguest areas of research but potentially one of the most significant yardsticks in the West Bank. Benvenisti's findings show that, contrary to expectations, the Jews in Israel are increasing at a faster rate than the Arabs in the West Bank. Population growth in Israel is consistent at some 2.3 per cent per annum; that of Israeli Arabs is much higher — 3.9 per cent; but the population of the West Bank grows at 1.4 per cent per annum. The large gap is explained by the high rate of emigration, which over the past 14 years has seen an estimated 100,000 Palestinians leave the West Bank.

However, demographic patterns are not consistent throughout the West Bank. Emigration is higher from the Nablus area than from the south. The result is that population growth in Samaria is very low (0.4 per cent), higher in the south (2.1 per cent); the figure for Jerusalem stands at 3 per cent.

"This makes nonsense of the Alignment plan to keep only those areas where there is low density Arab population," Benvenisti says. "Precisely the areas it wants to keep have high rates of growth."

"THE ECONOMY of the West Bank may be characterized as undeveloped, non-viable, stagnant and dependent. It is an auxiliary sector of both the Israeli and the Jordanian economies," Benvenisti concludes.

Twenty-five per cent of Israeli exports are sold via the West Bank, which is something of a captive market and the largest single market for Israeli manufactured goods.

The industrial base of the area is undeveloped since there is no capital investment, no government investment in industrial infrastructure, no credit facilities or capital market, no protection from the import of Israeli goods; there are restrictions on exports to Jordan, and restrictions on the import of equipment and raw materials.

Only 13 per cent of the income in the West Bank is re-invested in fixed assets — and that usually in

small-scale family agricultural equipment, housing and semi-public buildings like schools. Very little is used as production-generating capital.

Data from Israeli banks, which provide the sole banking services and the major credit services in the area, show a steady decrease in the credit they have extended to the West Bank. In 1976, 22 per cent of the total bank assets in the territories were in credit; in 1980 this had dropped to 10.5 per cent. Credit facilities depended largely on a special government fund which was gradually reduced until it was recently eliminated altogether.

There has also been the imposition of Israeli taxes.

THE 15 YEARS of association with the Israeli economy have seen significant changes in the structure of the labour force in the West Bank — mainly the emergence of a real proletariat drawn predominantly from the rural Palestinian peasants and from the refugee population in the West Bank. Half of the employed labour force in the West Bank works in Israel. The number of organized labourers is generally agreed to be 40,000; a further 20,000 are unorganized labour, and an estimated 15,000 are employed "at arm's length" as sub-contractors inside the West Bank in small industries and other parts of the Israeli production process.

Examining data collected by the Histadrut, Benvenisti found that one-third of the salaried West Bank labour force has been employed in Israel for more than 10 years. Special pension funds set up to administer the sums deducted from their salaries have now accumulated millions of shekels — which the Histadrut was at first reluctant to administer for ideological reasons but is now keen to get its hands on. Since the funds were set up, only 150 men have retired and drawn on their pensions.

The patterns of employment have also changed drastically. Parallel to a decrease in the area under cultivation, the introduction of more efficient farming techniques and the pull of industrial salaries in Israel have resulted in a shift from agricultural to industrial employment. In 1969, 46 per cent of the West Bank labour force worked in agriculture; in 1980 the figure was 26 per cent.

In 1969, 11.5 per cent of the West Bank labour force was engaged in the building industry; in 1980 this had risen to 22 per cent. Benvenisti says this reflects the accelerated pace of settlement construction and the pattern has been described as "building other people's homes" by Bir Zeit sociologist Salim Tamari, who recently published a study of what he calls a peasant proletariat.

More than 50 per cent of the West Bank labour force in Israel is employed in construction.

A DUAL, legislative, executive and administrative system has already been established, Benvenisti contends, which makes the application of Israeli law irrelevant and unnecessary. A pattern of "ironing out anomalies" that arise when Israelis find themselves living outside the borders of their state is already in existence. Regulations are promulgated and laws amended on a legal basis that is increasingly personal. The same concept: will eventually apply to the Arabs — consistent with Israel's view that the autonomy envisaged at Camp David applies to the "inhabitants" and not to the land.

The "withdrawal" of Israeli

forces conditionally agreed to at Camp David has in part been formally effected. The post of military governor has been abolished and he is now replaced by the "Commander of IDF Forces in Judea and Samaria." His headquarters are no longer at Beit El north of Ramallah, but at the headquarters of the O.C. Central Command at the Kfir Fort near Neve Ya'acov. To all intents and purposes Judea and Samaria make up another military district in the central command, as do Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Recent military orders establish the military commander as the "source of authority" in accordance with Israel's ideas on autonomy. And for good measure all the myriad military ordinances and orders which have changed the face of the law originally applicable in the West Bank have now been elevated to the status of "part of the law," an attempt to give the military legislation so vital to Israel's continued hold on the territory the same status as the Jordanian law, which is still applicable under the international laws of war.

There are two separate systems. One for Jews, now run by Gush Emunim and other settlers, and one for Arabs, currently headed by Prof. Milson. Even if the Arabs refuse autonomy or refuse to participate in elections, the plan and the model are established and functioning and Milson can gradually replace the Israeli staff officers and eventually even himself with local Arabs. No one really needs elections.

HOW IRREVERSIBLE, then, is the pattern set in motion by the Alignment and accelerated almost beyond recognition by the Likud?

"Nothing is irreversible," says Benvenisti. It's all a question of cost. The pattern's establishment makes disengagement from the territories progressively more expensive, and the progression is geometric he says. In the end, disengagement may only come about through trauma or catastrophe.

"When President Reagan talks of 'freezing settlements' he displays an anachronistic approach to the problem," says Benvenisti, repeating his argument. "It is not the announcement or creation of eight more dots on the map but the increasing shift of Israel's urban population into areas which guarantees Israeli control over the West Bank and which creates perhaps an insurmountable political problem for any concession-oriented political party in the country."

The Americans, he continues, have displayed a very amateur approach to monitoring Israeli activities on the West Bank. "They have preferred to allow themselves to be hoodwinked and succumb to the deliberate confusion of several settlements under one name."

If the Americans are serious, they must not be thrown off by individual settlements but approach the problem in its complex entirety. "The necessary process is one of disentanglement and that will be as complex as the government's policy of entanglement."

Israel's entanglement in the West Bank is not following some master map. "It's an outgrowth of an imperial concept — 'I want this' combined with the ability to go about taking it," he concludes.

Just as the British acquired their empire, Israel is acquiring the West Bank "in a fit of absence of mind," to use the phrase of one British historian.



Meron Benvenisti (Aliza Auerbach) Demographic patterns "make nonsense of the Alignment plan to keep only those areas where there is a low density of Arab population."

administration. In the Israeli scheme of things, these divisions continue to apply — for the Arab residents only.

Within the Jewish divisional area, there are also local and municipal councils: Ma'aleh Adumim, east of Jerusalem; Ariel, east of Kfar Sava; Kiryat Arba, which, in size, almost matches the neighbouring town of Hebron; Ma'aleh Ephraim; Efrat, etc.

Most of the divisional and local councils have maps defining their areas of jurisdiction, and similar maps hang in the offices of the Israeli officials in charge of interior affairs in most of the cities of the West Bank. Benvenisti used these maps to come up with his master map, which, as suggested above, makes any current ideas about withdrawal questionable and negates any impression of Arab territorial integrity.

The whorls on Benvenisti's map are based on the maps of the planners in the West Bank who based their cartography on a detailed land survey prepared by the military government and the Justice Ministry. This included a review of

Ramallah-El Bireh complex or the three Christian villages south of Jerusalem have had their zones sharply defined and no building will be permitted outside them. The same applies to the large villages that are part of the growing urban sprawl east of Jerusalem. According to the zoning map, very little additional land has been allocated for the growth of these areas. The already well-established pattern of increase of the Arab population around Jerusalem will have to be accommodated within these areas.

By contrast, north of Ramallah, the eastern slopes of the mountain ridge running down from Jerusalem to the Jordan Valley and large blobs southwest of Bethlehem and Beit Jalla are marked yellow and referred to ambiguously as "special areas." These are earmarked for Jewish settlement and correspond with the settlement maps.

What remains is maintained as agricultural or park land.

WHEN THE plan was first published the explanation was that it was intended merely to update the original British master plan which had become irrelevant following uncontrolled building and development. Its implications, however, go far beyond bureaucratic order. "The Arab towns and villages are to become like ghettos," says Benvenisti. They will be surrounded

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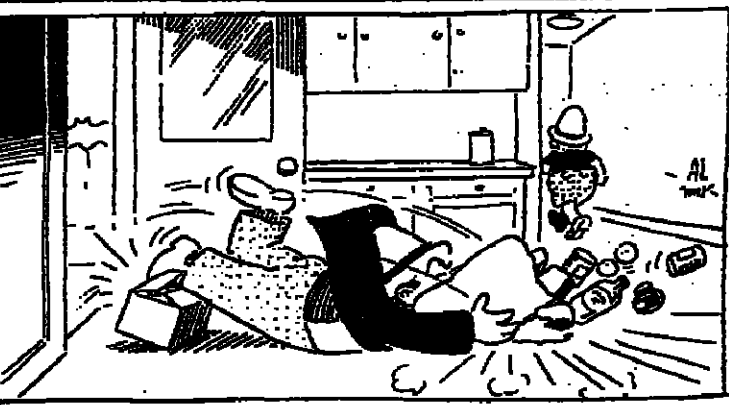
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Mayer, winning 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Chris Evert Lloyd and Andrea Jaeger struck back for victories which thrust them into the tournament semi-final round against each other.

Lloyd, seeded second, defeated Bonnie Gadusek 4-6, 6-1, 6-0, winning the last 12 games, after No. 4 Jaeger had eliminated the tournament's Cinderella, amateur Gretchen Rush, 3-6, 6-1, 6-0.

On the men's side, third-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia advanced to the semi with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Kim Warwick. Lendl will meet McEnroe.

Handicapped take the road

By JACK LEON

RAMAT GAN. — Israel's disabled athletes will hold their first wheelchair road race on Sunday, to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the murder of 11 Israeli sportsmen at the Munich Olympics. The 34-km. run is being organized by Ramat Gan's Han Sports Center, for the Handicapped, its president, Betty Dubiner, told *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday.

Concurrently with the September 12 race here, wheelchair athletes from 25 Jewish community centres in America and Canada will participate in a relay race from Baltimore to the Isaiah Wall at the UN building in New York. The ambitious project, initiated by the New Jersey Community Centre, is taking place there with the cooperation of the U.S. Committee for Sport in Israel, Dubiner said.

The Ramat Gan event is expected to attract nearly 100 wheelchair athletes, Han's sports director Reuven Heller reported. The entry will include runners on crutches and other disabled sportsmen, as well as family members of the handicapped athletes. Also participating as a "solidarity" gesture will be a large group of Bank Leumi trainees who use the Centre's extensive facilities. Police have limited the race to 3½ kilometres this time, but longer wheelchair races are planned for the future, Heller said.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer will be a guest-of-honour at next Sunday's race, which is planned as an annual event. It starts at 5 p.m. at the Shenkar Textile College, near the Diamond Exchange, and takes a route through Ramat Gan's Shikun Havatikim to the Han Sports Centre near the Yarkon River. Registration for the run is open to both the handicapped and able-bodied, and can be made at the starting point until 4.30 p.m.

Key match

TEL AVIV. — The last series of first-round games in the Yehuda Lillan League Cup soccer competition takes place tomorrow. Interest will be concentrated on Maccabi Netanya's away match against Hapoel Beersheba, which looks like being a preview of Wednesday's final in this round-robin tournament involving the four top teams in the National League last season — other participants are Bnei Yehuda and Hapoel Kfar Sava.

Pace-setters Netanya, with the maximum six points from their first two outings, are already safely through to the last round. Beersheba follow with four points. In the weekend's second encounter, third-placed Bnei Yehuda — with only one point so far — entertain last season's league champions Kfar Sava, down in the cellar after surprisingly losing both their opening matches. Tomorrow's games kick off at 3.30 p.m.



Marita Koch

Records, Coe crumble

ATHENS. — Three world records crumbled into dust in the European Track and Field Championships held in Athens this week.

Britain's Daley Thompson is back on his perch as the world's greatest all-round athlete, through setting a new world record of 8,744 points for the ten events. He had held the record previously, until he lost it in the middle of August to West German Juergen Hingsen, who set a new mark of 8,723. The 24-year-old Thompson, son of a Scottish mother and a Nigerian father, made up his mind to recover the record — and did so.

Erike Meyfard of West Germany set a new world mark of 2.02 metres in the women's high jump. Marita Koch, of East Germany, broke her own world record for the 400 m., setting up a new mark of 48.15 seconds.

Remarkable though these results were, they did not create as much of a sensation as Britain's Sebastian Coe being beaten in the straight of the 800 m. by Hans Peter Ferner, a West German engineering student.

Coe sought his famous acceleration in vain. "It just wasn't there," he admitted.

But last night he pulled out of the 1500 m. and was flown home to be treated for glandular fever.

Two Germans Frank Emmelmann and Marlies Goehr were crowned the sprint king and queen of Europe. Goehr's victory was clear-cut. But Emmelmann suffered agonizing moments when Italian Pier-Francesco Pavoni raised his arms aloft thinking he had snatched the title.

Only when the finish was replayed on the two giant screens high up in the 80,000 capacity new Olympic Stadium did it become evident that Emmelmann's frantic dip of the chest on the line had been decisive.

Pavoni, who was trying to emulate compatriot Piero Mennea's 1978 triumph, immediately ran across to congratulate Emmelmann. After dropping to his knees in ecstasy, Emmelmann joined the Italian in a joint lap of honour. Emmelmann's time was 10.21. (UPI, AP, Reuters)

Braves beat Dodgers

NEW YORK (AP). — Dale Murphy's one-out single in the 10th inning drove in the winning run as the Atlanta Braves edged the Los Angeles Dodgers 12-11 and moved back into first place by half of a game in the National League West on Wednesday night.

The victory snapped the Braves' nine-game losing streak against the Dodgers in the 35-hit slugfest which lasted three hours, 35 minutes.

Dave Kingman drove in four runs — three with a fifth inning homer — while Ron Hodges belted his first career grand slam and rookie Rick Ownbey earned his first major league victory as the New York Mets routed the Pittsburgh Pirates, 9-1.

Goals at last

By MIKE COLLETT

LONDON (UPI). — Something is finally being done properly in English soccer — teams have started scoring lots of goals. The 44 first division matches played in the opening two weeks of the season have produced 132 goals — at an average of exactly 3.0 a game, a healthy improvement on last season's average of 2.3.

League spokesman Alan Williams told UPI yesterday. "We're delighted with the way the season has begun. The players are giving the public what they want — and that's goals. It's too early to say whether the 'professional foul' ruling has had any effect on this yet."

My own view is that it hasn't. Teams are beginning to play with more adventure and style. Let's hope it carries on and that fans start coming back to the game."

Cup-holder Tottenham scored the biggest win of the season in the Division on Wednesday night with a 6-0 thrashing of Southampton. With other big scores in the opening weeks coming from Luton (5-3 over Notts County), Everton (5-0 over Aston Villa), Norwich (5-1 against Birmingham) and West Bromwich (5-0 over Brighton).

Stoke, Watford, Swansea, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, and Aston Villa have all hit four goals in a match — and there could be another bonanza coming up tomorrow.

Results	
4	Luton 1
2	Everton 1
5	Birmingham 1
0	W.B.A. 3
6	Southampton 0

In European soccer, Poland, third in the World Cup finals in Spain, escaped with a 3-2 win over Finland in the opening European Soccer Championship Group Two qualifying tie in Finland.

Middlesex joy

LONDON (Reuters). — At the end of the second day of the penultimate County Championship matches, it looks as if Middlesex are going to outdistance their rivals, Leicestershire, who are two points behind them.

Middlesex are in a fairly strong position against Hampshire. Middlesex scored 207 (Slack 68, Butcher 42) and 215 (Gatting 60, Brearley 50). Hampshire got 178 (Tomlin 66 for 48) and 46 for 2.

Notus compiled 400 (Bridch 125, Randall 65) against Leicestershire, who replied with 144 and 40 for 2.

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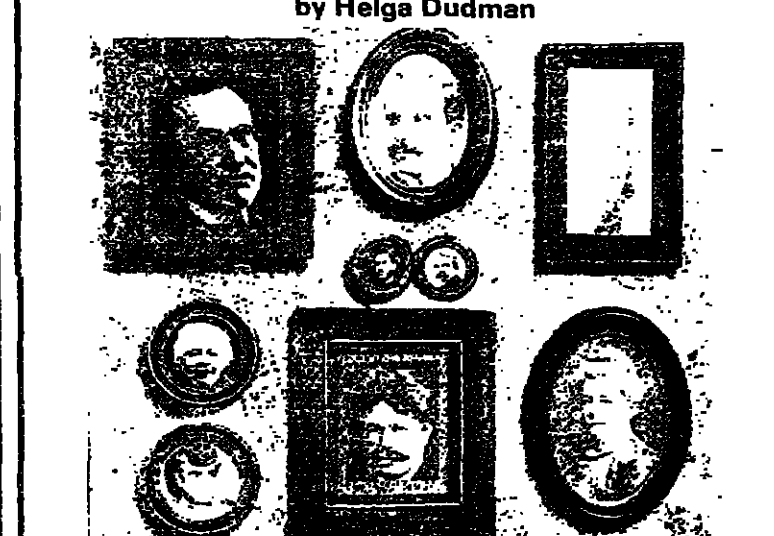
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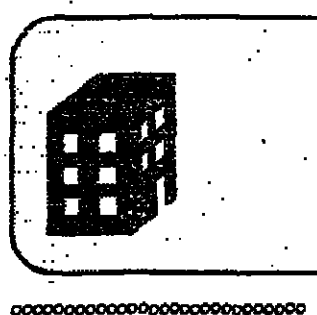
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READERS' LETTERS

THE OBJECTIVITY OF PROFESSOR FALK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — The ad, "An order into the Israeli invasion of the Lebanon" (September 2) by an international commission of scholars and legal experts alleges "reported violations of human rights and civil liberties, which may be juridically characterized as war crimes" and appeals for our "moral and financial support."

It may be of interest that commission member Richard Falk (Professor of International Law, Princeton University) is on public record as to his juridical "objectivity." In The New York Times of February 18, 1979, Falk asserted in his article "Trusting Khmeini" that "the media and the American public, falsely associating him with 'religious fanaticism' and 'added: 'the depiction of him as a fanatical reactionary and the bearer of crude prejudices seems certain, and happily false.' Furthermore, Khmeini's 'endorsement of violence' is uniformly composed of moderate, progressive individuals. Having created a new model of popular revolution raised, for the most part, on non-violent tactics, Iran may yet provide us with a desperately needed model of humane governance for a third-world country."

Nor is that assessment the only example of Professor Falk's juridical concern with justice. In the "Vietnam: A Time for Healing and

Compassion," (The New York Times — January 30, 1977), Professor Falk was one of a group of Americans who endorsed an advertisement that maintained among others: "We have examined these charges (of human rights abuses) and find them to be based on distortion and exaggeration. True, some Saigon collaborators have been detained in re-education centres, perhaps 40,000 at present. But such number is surprisingly small...The present government in Vietnam should be hailed for its extraordinary effort to achieve reconciliation among all its people...In fact almost all the Vietnamese who worked for the Saigon regime, and who remained, have by now returned to their families and are pursuing normal lives."

(The above quotes are taken from Paul Hollander, "Political Pilgrims: Travels of Western Intellectuals to the Soviet Union, China, Cuba 1928-1978," Oxford University Press, 1981.)

A few questions remain. Is Professor Falk blind in his left eye? Does he so abhor some types of human oppression that he happily embraces equally abhorrent oppressions? If so, what kind of objective enquiry can the Lebanese, the Israelis, and the Palestinians expect from Professor Falk?

DR. M. KORNFIELD

ASPIRATIONS

Palestinian rather than of a few armed terrorists who claim to speak for all of the Palestinian people. Maybe the time has come for a referendum. Let us hear from the Palestinians themselves concerning their aspirations now that they are no longer being bullied by "the destroyers," as they refer in Arabic to the PLO.

We were amazed to meet so-called terrorists in the Ansara detainee camp, who spoke out honestly and convincingly about their abhorrence of the PLO and its terror tactics. One man, who spoke as a representative of 400 others in the prison, said that he felt safer in the hands of the Israeli officers than he had with his previous leaders who, as he claimed, treated him as less than human.

I believe that we now have a unique opportunity to hear from the Palestinian people themselves in Lebanon. It is likely that their positive attitudes toward Israel and the IDF could influence favourably the West Bank Arab population towards the Israeli efforts to provide a democratic expression of government in that area.

The time has come for the leaders of the Palestinian people to reflect the desires and aspirations of their constituency rather than vice versa.

JAY RAWLINGS

Jerusalem.

THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Does the person who was disappointed at "no davenning Mincha" in the Great Synagogue (Letters — August 20) realize what tremendous expenses would be entailed in lighting, cooling, etc., that large building for a small number of worshippers?

It seems that the people who protest loudly at the ostentatiousness of the Great Synagogue do not take into account the fact that religion is one of the *raison d'être* of the State, and therefore an impressive synagogue building is as necessary an edifice to the image of the country as an embassy or other official structure.

PINCUS KURZMAN

Tel Aviv.

BIG BROTHERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — This is an appropriate time to remind your readers of the need for volunteers for the League of Big Brothers.

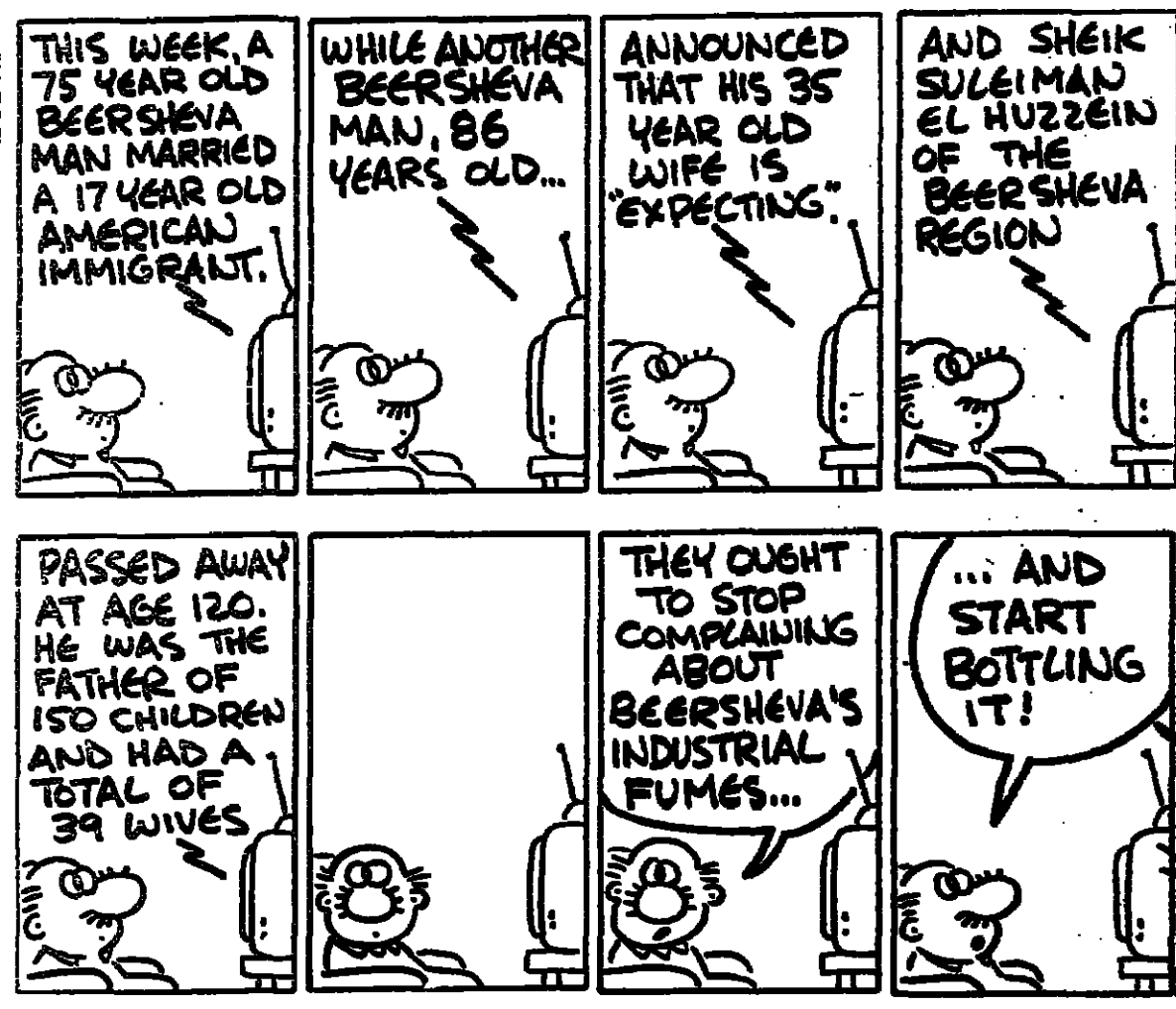
Boys of all ages without a father image have great need for a substitute big brother who will take time out to chat or take a little brother on a trip with the family as companions. The boys' need is great and we must add to our roster men who will open their hearts to someone less fortunate than those children in a complete family unit.

Interested volunteers should contact the League of Big Brothers at 10 Ahad Ha'am Street, Haifa or call 04-665644 between 4-7 on Mondays and Thursdays, or 04-244308 and 935648 in the evenings.

TSVI SHULMAN

Haifa.

the Friday Dry Bones



BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — Professors Greenfield and Shaffer's letter (August 20) includes a number of remarks about Birzeit University which merit rebuttal only because they appeared in The Jerusalem Post.

I am a faculty member at Birzeit who has taught at three universities in the United States and conducted post-doctoral research at yet a fourth. I have participated in appointment committees at two of these institutions as well as at Birzeit and have found, contrary to the impressions of Professors Greenfield and Shaffer, little difference in either the criteria of evaluation employed or in the quality of applicants considered. Moreover, academic standards at Birzeit are comparable to those of the average American university, and I would judge that the Cultural Studies Programme, a mandatory course of study for Birzeit students, is more comprehensive and rigorous than the humanities requirements to be found in most American academic institutions.

I doubt that Professors Greenfield and Shaffer have attended meetings of recruitment committees at Birzeit, investigated the criteria for admitting students to the university, examined its financial records to support their claim concerning its sources of funding, or conducted studies on the motives of Birzeit

personnel to determine whether the "impetus" behind the institution's development "is not the search for truth or the achievement of high standards of research and education." They certainly know little of the history of Birzeit, given their assertions that it was run by the Quakers or that it expanded under the "aegis" of Israel.

Though Birzeit University may have few scholars of international fame, it would be so that the university is only eight years old and that the vast majority of its faculty consists of men and women at the outset of their academic careers. Of course it is not the equal of the Hebrew University which, after all, has had a 50-year head start. But give Birzeit 50 more years — unhindered by the shackles of military rule — and perhaps it too will match the performance of those illustrious Israeli institutions of which Professors Greenfield and Shaffer speak so highly.

Finally, if "resident aliens" feel called upon to defend Birzeit University in the Israeli press, it is only because too many Israeli intellectuals have maintained a conspicuous silence in the face of the oppression Birzeit has endured in recent years.

TOMIS KAPITAN

Birzeit.

NEW PRINCIPLE IN HALACHA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — The distinguished representative of the Lithuanian Mitzporet, Rabbi Eliezer Shach of the Ponevez Yeshiva, and the famous representative of the Hasidim, the Rebbe of Gur, have sunk their differences, joined hands, and made common cause in issuing a proclamation to all the faithful to boycott travel on El Al on weekdays as long as that line operates on Sabbath and festivals.

Without going into the question of the pros and cons of the government decision to stop such flights, may I point out that this proclamation has introduced a new principle in the Halacha, namely, the prohibition to make use of services of Jews on days which are permitted because of their breach of the sanctity of Sabbath and festivals.

The distinguished rabbis must be consistent in the application of this principle. In my article "The Halacha and the modern state" (The Jerusalem Post May 5), I pointed out that the Neturei Karta do not turn on water taps or open their refrigerators on the Sabbath since the operation of both depends upon Jews working on the Sabbath. According to this proclamation, however, one should not use tap water or refrigerators even on weekdays as long as Jewish workers operate the generating stations on Sabbath, and travel on Egged buses should be forbidden on weekdays since their buses operate in Haifa on the Sabbath.

LOUIS RABINOWITZ

Jerusalem.

DIRTY BEACHES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is said that there is no such thing as dirty beaches, only dirty people, and nowhere is this more evident than in Eilat.

At the end of the day, stray dogs, which seem to be in abundance in Eilat, have a field day rumaging in the piles of garbage which carpet the otherwise beautiful beaches in this resort town.

Why, oh why does the Eilat Municipality not supply more refuse bins and have the beaches cleaned regularly as, say, Rishon LeZion? It is committing a crime not caring more for its beaches which, in the summer, constitute a serious health hazard.

MRS. MICKI SOBELMAN

Eilat (Rehovot).

ISRAEL'S STANDARDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — In his August 6 article, "Shattered illusion," Arthur Goldberg refers to Churchill's bombing of Dresden and cites the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence before asking, "Is Israel to be held to a higher standard than these great documents?"

The answer is "yes" and "no," depending upon who you are. I suggest that Mr. Goldberg's response indicated that he has forgotten who he is.

From the community of nations and from the Gentiles, the answer must be "no." Israel has the same right which any other country has to do, what is necessary to protect itself.

But from the community of Jews, of whom Mr. Goldberg is a member, the answer must be "yes."

We must hold ourselves to a higher standard. We recognize this when, in our daily prayers, we praise the Creator "who has not made us like the nations of the universe."

Those who set the foundation for the State of Israel envisioned far

more than a piece of land on which Jews could live in religious freedom. They saw a place from which we could reach the nations of the world how to be better.

Israel, Zangwill said that "our state cannot be a mere state among states" and that the ultimate stage of Zionism "is the realization of the Jewish mission — the imparting to the world of the social solutions and ideals of righteousness developed by the spiritual genius of our race."

The Proclamation on Independence says that the State of Israel "will be based on the principles of liberty, justice and peace as conceived by the Prophets of Israel." At times, this is a burden — our Prophets rarely made easy demands of us. They required moral superiority from us.

I have little patience with non-Jews who chastise Israel for behaving immorally when it acts as other nations do, but I have even less patience with Jews who excuse our moral failings by equating us with non-Jews.

ROBERTA M. ROOS

Dobbs Ferry, New York.

CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: — It is with a certain feeling of indignation that I read the article, "Man with a mission," (September 3) about the activities of Rav Golding.

It is difficult to respect a man who, twice, left his community. It is even harder for me to understand this fight against Jesus (Jesus the perfect Jew) on the part of a man who, for years, was supposed to be his servant.

But I must protest against the insinuation that the "so-called Christian Zionists" are dangerous enemies of Israel. Christian communities and societies in this country, like the village of Ness-Azim, the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem and my own Christian Action for Israel and its relief fund (an important part of which goes to the work of Na'amat) are free of any missionary intention; they are inspired by a true love for Israel and the respect of the prophetic promises of the Bible — not to mention a deep sense of responsibility, because of the classical traditional "Christian anti-Semitism." In our humble way, we want to compensate for the tragic past.

I know of no Jewish family "destroyed by the missionaries," to quote Rav Golding. But I know of

many Jewish families destroyed by misery, drugs, prostitution, juvenile delinquency and alcoholism, in the many very poor quarters of Israel — quarters where so Jewish spiritual comfort and help is offered. I would strongly recommend to the Jewish religious establishment of this country to launch a Jewish Salvation Army in those quarters.

It is true that many Israelis are attracted by the Evangelical message. Is it perhaps because, in this country, the religious establishment is preoccupied only with Halacha and Talmudic lore, and not with the living and messianic message of the Hebrew Prophets?

I would like to remind Rav Golding that, among the true Zionists in history, there were many Protestant Christians like, to name only a few, Laurence Oliphant, William Hechler, the forgotten devoted friend of Herzl, and Orde Wingate.

Rav Golding has found a new job, and I have no doubt that he will receive more and more financial support. However, instead of fighting his imaginary "thousands of missionaries," let him fight Jewish misery.

DR. CLAUDE DUVERNOY

Director and Founder, Christian Action for Israel

Jerusalem.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 9 Is not wrong entirely in that it's a male animal (8)
- 10 Due to her coming back with the chaperon (3)
- 11 Doesn't stay for tea, perhaps (6)
- 12 Twist and turn and get Ray giddy (6)
- 13 Creature that's a little pain in the neck? (7)
- 14 It's shrewd to precede it with A sharp (4)
- 15 How to tell a chess-player to hurry up? (3, 1, 4, 2)
- 17 In case the female hated being moved (8)
- 18 Turn in their, unkempt and shaggy (7)
- 19 It's a halo, my friend, that's iridescent (4)
- 21 Set "devil" with a big E (6)
- 24 Tries hard to get the trim right? (4, 4, 5, 4)
- 27 Agree to have a second, posted (6)
- 29 Remaining above (4)
- 30 Shows they let through only the finest (7)
- 33 It's rotten, but the deed can't be undone (8)
- 35 Sizes up the situation, as a rustler does (5, 5)
- 36 A drink for the marksman (4)
- 37 Garment that's uniform (7)
- 38 Jack and Dora got packed and are away (6)
- 40 Take the stitches out and put back into bed? (6)
- 41 Look for a palindromic (3)
- 42 By 10 a.m. I need to run round and be looked at (8)

DOWN

- 1 Don't go and be a laggard! (10)
- 2 She's upset: that's the whole point (4)
- 3 Dismisses, or just reprimands (5, 3)

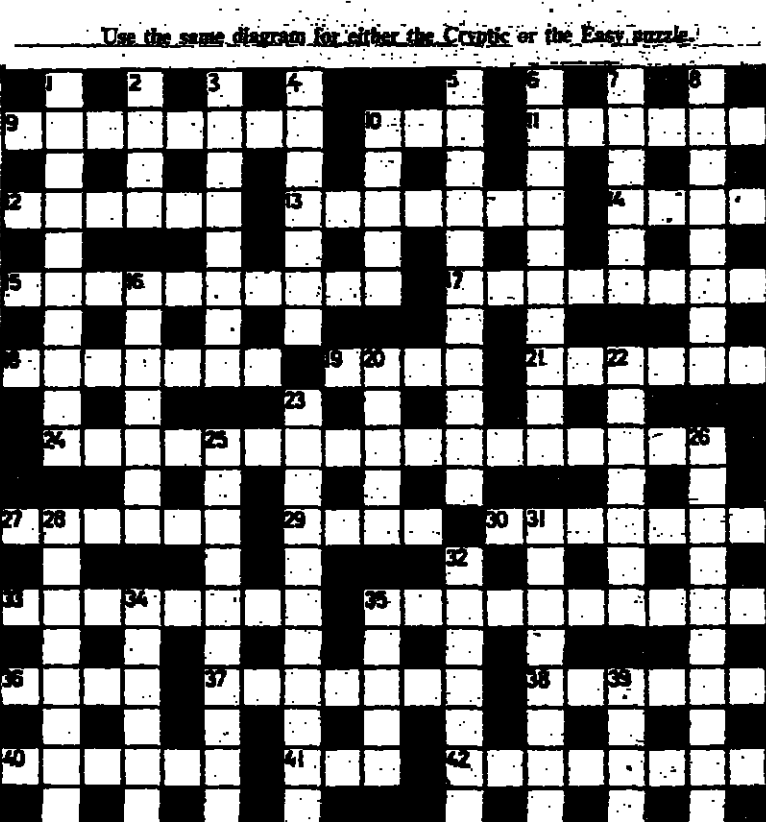
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ACROSS

- 9 Woman who chases game (8)
- 10 Vigour (3)
- 11 Needing immediate attention (6)
- 12 Stronghold (6)
- 13 Takes no notice of (7)
- 14 Goes wrong (4)
- 15 Nuclear weapons (10)
- 17 Erect (8)
- 18 Lack (7)
- 19 Threesome (4)
- 21 Meddle (6)
- 24 Meteorologist (7, 10)
- 27 Clergyman (6)
- 29 Location (4)

DOWN

- 1 Impoverished (3, 2, 5)
- 2 "Let it stand" (4)
- 3 Like a shooting-star (8)
- 4 Allocated (7)
- 5 Female athletes (11)
- 6 Beverage brewed in a



EASY PUZZLE

DOWN

- 4 He finds fault with the banger (7)
- 5 Good heavens! That green thing in the grass is moving! (6, 5)
- 6 "No, it's still fizzy?" (4, 6)
- 7 The number, at the race-course, that brought you luck? (6)
- 8 Uneasy and sprawled right across the snooker table? (8)
- 10 To write "foreign" is to put in an unruly (5)
- 16 A tree, wild, found all round America (that's very simple) (7)
- 20 Food the vegetarian would be dead without (5)
- 22 As before, delighted to be

EASY PUZZLE

DOWN

- 23 The place for a deep sleep? (3, 2, 3, 3)
- 25 Broke where the waves broke? (2, 3, 5)
- 26 But it doesn't make a weak gin stronger! (5, 5)
- 28 Furious, interview what's his name? (8)
- 31 Abandoned actors on tour? (8)
- 32 The gang commit murder in the vessel (7)
- 34 Get thanks for filling a box (6)
- 35 Sign for the key before taking the vehicle back (5)
- 39 The water flowed round one (4)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 30 Regret (7)
- 33 Good-looking (8)
- 35 Restrains forcibly (10)
- 36 Celebrity (4)
- 37 Idiot (7)
- 38 Ask to attend (6)
- 40 Whine (6)
- 41 Compete (3)
- 42 Body of soldiers (8)

DOWN

- 12 Plane, 13, H-sars-ny, 15, Vi-a, 16, L-Ed, 18, Record, 20, Lemur, 21, U-lit, 22, Ten, 23, Ar-met, 25, A-l'm, 28, Baste, 30, Naiv-E, 31, Tears, 32, Dump, 33, Fine.
- Yesterday's Easy Solution
- ACROSS — 4, Assume, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Against early elections

IF AN ELECTION were indeed a referendum, the idea of a Knesset poll next May or June might have been welcome.

In the normal course of events the next general election would be held in October 1985. But the times are not normal. The country is facing perhaps the most awesome domestic challenge in its history: it must decide whether to keep all of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, with their over one million Arabs, as part of its polity, even at the expense of the hope for peace, or to consider the prospect of giving up control over the bulk of these territories in order to advance the cause of peace and keep Israel a largely Jewish state.

This is the choice implied in the present debate over President Reagan's new statement of position. Premier Begin charged in his Knesset speech two days ago that the Reagan plan spelled the re-partition of Eretz Yisrael. He was plainly taking it for granted that the State of Israel had already been expanded, even without the benefit of actual annexation, to become Eretz Yisrael. That, plainly, is why he, and the cabinet, had turned down Mr. Reagan's initiative as constituting "a serious danger to Israel, its security and its future."

The findings of a public opinion research organization in late August suggest that most Israelis might not necessarily take so alarming a view. A majority of Israeli respondents favoured, at that time, the cession to Jordan of parts of Judea and Samaria in return for a genuine peace. Should not the Israeli people, then, be asked point-blank which, in the circumstances, they preferred: a State of Israel or Eretz Yisrael?

Perhaps they should. But, unfortunately, an election is not a referendum, and an early ballot would in all likelihood be decided by extraneous considerations that have little relevance to the momentous issue of the hour.

Moreover, the idea of an early election is hardly new. It was mooted long before the war in Lebanon. In its present form it was conceived with the avowed aim of extracting maximum political advantage from the IDF's military victory.

Riding a patriotic wave, the Likud believes — as the pollsters predict — that it would gain a huge, perhaps an absolute, majority of seats in parliament. The smaller coalition parties, such as Tami, would be ground to dust, but the loss to a future Likud administration would be insignificant. The Likud's current dependence on the religious parties would be reduced. But this would not be regretted, especially in the case of Agudat Yisrael, which has become something of an albatross around Mr. Begin's neck.

The main political effect of a Likud electoral triumph, however, would obviously be to cut the main foe, the Alignment, down to size. The Likud could legitimately expect to deal the Alignment a smashing blow. For that party continues to be in disarray. The persistent, even pernicious, challenges against Shimon Peres by Mr. Rabin, coupled with Mr. Peres's continued dismal showings in the opinion poll, give Labour very little to hope for from early elections.

The result could well be assuring the Likud control over the levers of state power for a generation together with permanent Israeli control over Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Inside the Likud, the Liberals have a specific reason for wanting an early election: to nail down their own position within the Likud while Mr. Begin is at the helm. And they know as well that they need Mr. Begin, in good form, to conduct a rousing campaign.

The premier would, of course, count on the U.S. president not to push on with his initiative while the people of Israel were busy with their internal democratic process — a useful delay. And Yoram Aridor, the finance minister, would come up with another round of popular "remedies" for inflation, to oil the electoral returns.

In these circumstances, the chances for a reasoned debate on the momentous issue of the day would be worse than poor. And rather than pretend that it is striving at the bit to go to the polls, the Alignment would do better, not only for itself, but for the country and its future, if it declined to cooperate with any Likud election bid. It would have a partner for such reluctance in the National Religious Party, which also has good reason to fear early elections. (Agudat Yisrael, all too pleased with the present, would also prefer to avoid the risk of losing its leverage through a Likud election triumph.)

Who knows, perhaps the voters, constantly pummeled by self-serving rhetoric, would respect such a dash of candour for a change.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS WLADYSLAW GOMULKA, who died on September 1, who ruled Poland for over 14 years, had a wife, Liva Szoken, who carefully avoided everything that reminded her of her Jewish origins. She even refused all recognition due to her as a pre-war Communist because she would have had to show old prison documents made out in her original name.

During the German occupation an old Polish woman hid her from the Nazis. When this woman turned to her for assistance after the occupation was over, Liva refused her because it reminded her of her Jewish descent.

Gomulka himself believed, at least in his youth, that Communism was blind to racial discrimination. However, after he came to power, his distrust of aliens and intellectuals, and Stalin's and Khrushchev's influence, turned him into a dedicated anti-Semite.

He started blaming his Jewish party colleagues for all of Poland's ills and was particularly furious when he was reminded of his Jewish wife.

His anti-Semitic sallies following the Six Day War and the Polish students' riots forced the tiny remnant of Polish Jewry to leave the country in 1967-8. It did not, however, save his own skin. His Jewish wife was one of the chief arguments which his opponents, led by Gen. Mieczyslaw Moczar, used to bring about his downfall in 1970. A.Z.

PS ARAB representatives from Washington, San Diego and Cairo schools and universities walked out of a United Arab Emirates Student Federation meeting recently in protest of the all-male affair.

The UAE newspaper *al-Khalef* said co-eds, who were barred from attending, sat in an adjacent hall. The federation refused to allow even a single female student to be heard at the meeting, the report said.

The co-eds distributed a statement saying the male students "who made a poor showing of less than a hundred in all," were discussing a federation constitution "without even consulting the females who make up more than half the UAE students."

The statement said the girls formed a federation long before the boys did, despite official hurdles, and were so active that four of their members got fired.

"It is the bad times which would have us — despite the light of Islam — return to the period of *Wa'ad*, said the statement, referring to the pre-Islam tribal practice of burying baby girls alive.

The male walkout was initiated by Abdul-Khalik Abdullah, representing UAE students in Washington, who said the federation had no right to decide regulations for co-ed activities without the presence of those to whom the regulations would apply.

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IT NEEDED an extraordinary amount of self-deception to be surprised by recent American actions, or to believe that the U.S., after three years of deadlock in the autonomy negotiations, would not come forth with its own suggestions. It required a very selective ear not to have heard or understood that the U.S. was firming up its own political line concerning the Middle East, in order to speed up the autonomy negotiations and widen the circle of participants. For this reason many of us called for dialogue with the U.S. concerning the main points of disagreement, in order to influence the stance of the U.S. when it did produce its statement of policy.

What remained uncertain were the timing and the direction of the expected American initiative. The pace was speeded up by developments in Lebanon: the war there shifted the Palestinian issue to the top of the list of political priorities and exposed the problem of the Palestinian refugees in all its aspects. The war also significantly weakened the hold of the PLO and of Syria, which were the main obstacles preventing the participation of Jordan and the Palestinians of Judea, Samaria and Gaza in the peace process.

It should have been clear that American support for the aims of the war would not be limited to the expulsion of the PLO from Beirut, the setting up of a stable government in Lebanon and the withdrawal of all foreign forces from that country: it was clear that the U.S. would see also the opportunity to launch political moves to solve the Palestinian problem by bringing in representatives of Jordan and the Palestinians of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Since 1967, there have been two schools of thought in the U.S. concerning the solution of the Palestinian problem. One school advocates the creation of a Palestinian state through the legitimization of the PLO, a factor that would bring about such a state. The second school sees a Jordanian solution, which does not call for the creation of an independent Palestinian state and does not see the PLO as the way to a solution. At no time has there been a school of thought in America that supported the annexation of Judea, Samaria and Gaza by Israel, or that agreed to permanent Israeli control over those areas.

In President Reagan's proposals there is a clear indication of his preference for a solution through Jordan, while negating the PLO as a partner and objecting to the es-

The real dispute

By SIMCHA DINITZ

establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

The association with Jordan is part and parcel of the Camp David accords. In the body of the agreement itself there are no less than 12 references to Jordan and its role, both in the interim autonomy period and in the negotiations for an overall solution.

According to the Camp David accords, Jordan should participate in the negotiations regarding all aspects of the Palestinian problem; it is to be invited to negotiations concerning the transitional period of autonomy; should participate on the modalities for establishing the elected self-governing authority in the West Bank and Gaza; and is to be invited to appoint Jordanian citizens as a part of the strong local police force in these areas.

Jordan and Israel are to jointly set up patrols and man control positions in order to ensure the security of the borders. Jordan is to be a partner in negotiating the final status of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Jordan should enter peace negotiations with Israel on the location of the borders and the nature of the security arrangements in accordance with Security Council Resolution 242. All this is in the Camp David accords, signed by Israel.

THE U.S. is now trying, apparently with some success, to bring Jordan into negotiations based on the Camp David accords. And it is doing this without having made any commitment for a total Israeli withdrawal; without having recognized the PLO, without having agreed to self-determination and an independent state for the Palestinians, and without agreeing to the partition of Jerusalem. It is difficult to see how this undermines the security of Israel or the Camp David accords.

What's more, we are hearing an American President say for the first time: "Israel has the right to live in peace behind secure and defensible borders, and it has a right to demand of its neighbours that they recognize those facts." The President continued: "Within the pre-1967 borders, Israel is barely 10 miles wide at its narrowest point. The bulk of Israel's population lived

within artillery range of hostile Arab armies. I am not about to ask Israel to live that way again."

The President of the United States does not see any possibility of demanding an Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 borders, but recognizes that Israel must have secure and defensible borders.

Regarding Jerusalem, the President said: "We remain convinced that Jerusalem must remain undivided, but its final status should be decided through negotiations." This, of course, is not the Israeli position, which views a united Jerusalem as its capital city. But the American position is the same as the traditional American stand as expressed by President Carter in his letter which was attached as a supplement to the Camp David accords.

There are other suggestions by President Reagan that are unacceptable to Israel, for instance the right of Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem to participate in the elections in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, and other points that must remain material for negotiation between the parties.

As to settlements in the territories, the President repeated the traditional U.S. objection, but even so, in a softened version. He did not, as former President Carter did, refer to them as "illegal." He asked for a free freeze on the construction of further settlements during the transitional period, but did not call for the removal of existing settlements.

Israel's opinion is that the construction of settlements should be decided by the security needs of the state. On this point, as on others, there is a need for discussion with the U.S. However, the outright rejection of the whole proposal does not allow us to adopt its acceptable portions and improve the unacceptable parts, in order to reach a joint position with the Americans that will aid in the negotiations.

In the out of hand rejection of President Reagan's proposals, government spokesmen have argued that the Americans have no right to interfere in the negotiations that must take place between the concerned parties, and no right to submit proposals of their own. There may be an element of logic in this, but it has come too late.

FROM THE inception of the autonomy plan Menachem Begin decided to make the U.S. its partner and co-sponsor.

based on a third way, without the need to create an independent Palestinian state and without the need to annex the area and population of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Now an opportunity has arisen to reach a compromise that will give secure and defensible borders to Israel while preserving the Jewish and democratic nature of the state. The real Likud struggle is to prevent such a possibility.

In an attempt to enlist support against the American proposals, matter is being presented in a distorted and negative way, claiming that the real intention is the establishment of a Palestinian state and withdrawal to the pre-1967 borders, and using of irrelevant comparisons such as comparing the acceptance of the proposals with the Rogers plan, equating the acceptance of the proposals with a foreign change of internal charges are added, those who do find positive points in the proposals are serving a foreign or outside interest.

The truth is that the dispute between the government and the opposition is not over the future of the State of Israel.

The dispute over the two different ideas concerning a solution to the Palestinian problem and its implications for Israel's security and the Jewish and democratic nature of the state did not start with the presentation of the Reagan proposals and will not stop after them.

The Alignment is not obliged to withdraw from the traditional position taken by all the Labour governments or to change its platform just because the essentials of its approach have been adopted by the U.S., and the Alignment does not become unpatriotic just because its plan for the settlement of the Middle East conflict has proven to be the only realistic possibility achieving peace and security.

Just as it would be wiser to adopt the positive points of President Reagan's proposals and to enter into a discussion concerning the unacceptable parts, so it would be more honest and decent to present the dispute to the public in its true form. It is not America's road we must decide, but Israel's.

(The writer is the former ambassador to the U.S.)

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